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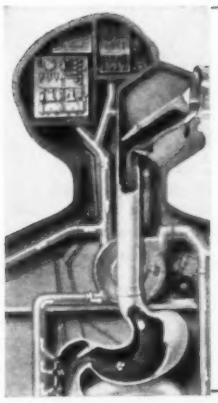

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They added a room that everyone enjoys

Family room and spot for teen-agers isn't all Hemricks gained. They also added utility room and bath that serves new room and girls' bedrooms.

Shaded area is existing house. A closet became hallway. Architect: Preston McIntosh, A.I.A., Atlanta.

By Susan Jones Medlock

The David Hemricks of Atlanta, Georgia, felt they were through building when they moved in their new three-bedroom house. (We published it in March, 1953). Then their two girls grew into teen-agers. Each wanted her own bedroom, to keep belongings separate.

The Hemricks converted a study-family room to solve bedroom dilemma. But this did away with a second sitting area just as the family needed that extra space more than ever. The answer: add on. [*Turn to page 9*

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Brick core wall faces lot line but glass opens room to terrace. High fireplace can be seen by whole room. It's just right height for roasting wieners or popping popcorn.

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Architect Preston McIntosh calmed their fears. He sketched out an addition that blended beautifully. Besides that, he included several features they'd been wanting: a utility room for laundry and air conditioning equipment, an extra bathroom, and more storage space.

Although designed around two young girls, the room quickly became a spot where everyone in the family spends at least a part of each day. Dad enjoys the fireplace and has a running table-tennis tourney going with each girl (currently, he's ahead). Mother uses the area —inside and out—for entertaining bridge club and other friends while girls are at school.

Best of all, "the gang" that gathers after school and in the evenings has a spot exclusively theirs. And one that's easily maintained. Parents at the same time enjoy peace and quiet on opposite end of house.

Family room has its own attractive entry, with path from driveway to doorway. Teen-agers can go straight to informal area without disturbing rest of house. Glass around door establishes feeling of informality, welcome. Roof extends for shelter.

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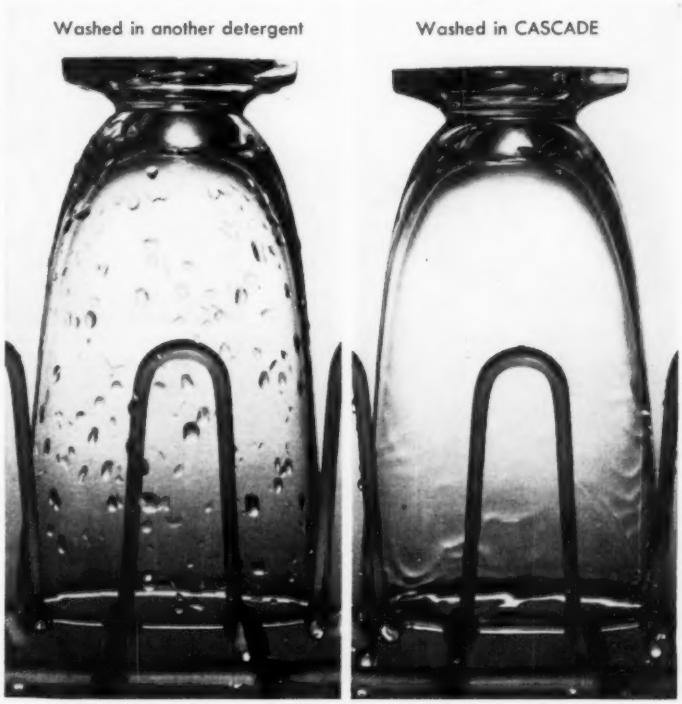

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Everyone is talking about the state of American education. Here's a countrywide report on what some people are doing about it!

By Caroline Bird

Don Ross was excited about the new job in Boston. His wife Harriet had found a house with space enough for their three boys—plus a guest room. But the Rosses didn't take the job or buy the house until they were sure that schools in the new suburban location would measure up to the ones they knew back home in Whippany, New Jersey.

They didn't take the real estate man's word for it. They walked right into the office of the principal and plied him with questions:

Do people here take an interest in the schools? Are all the children in regular classrooms? How much does it cost you to educate a child a year? How many teachers resigned last year? Why? What do you do with children who have trouble learning to read? How many of your high-school graduates are college bound? Can we visit a classroom now?

That night, the Rosses toted up the score: Class size was okay (Harriet had counted desks). Concern for individual progress was okay (there were transition classes for first graders not quite ready for second). Subjects taught seemed very complete (and Don had noticed that every fourth grader had his own dictionary). The Rosses decided to make the move.

Don and Harriet Ross are typical of growing numbers of young parents who are in a position to shop for a school.

For the past three years, the Rosses had spent a night a week on the Hanover Township Citizens' Council. They learned by doing. First project was a study of the number of children the community would have to educate, and the kind of buildings the children would need. Then the Council studied teachers' salaries in nearby systems and recommended pay policies which the Board of Education adopted. While Don was president of the Council, it sent a 60-item questionnaire on elementary curriculum to 140 school superintendents in New Jersey. Its purpose: to help Hanover Township teachers build their own curriculum. In addition to routine questions, they bluntly asked how much attention the superintendents were paying to lay opinion on educational matters. Superintendent Leslie V. Rear's reply was typical: he's so enthusiastic about the amateur professionals that he wouldn't take a job in a system that didn't have them.

If you are old enough to have children in school now, it's a safe bet that your parents weren't exactly cozy with the superintendent. During the 1920s, the professionals took control of the public schools away from indifferent taxpayers. For 30 years they conscientiously closed some school doors in the faces of lay "meddlers." They felt it was professional responsibility to apply new scientific methods of teaching. Parents then seemed bored enough with the whole subject of education to let them run the schools.

Today it isn't at all clear who runs the

schools. In the past 10 years, educators have been throwing open the school doors and the public has been eagerly trooping in. In the past five years, citizen interest in school policies and practices has snowballed. Newspaper editors were startled last summer to learn (from a Gallup survey based on 7,000 interviews) that education interested their readers more than any other subject except health.

Under national guidance, local PTAs are raising their sights from tea-party good works and good will to serious study of the basic issues of public education. They have now enlisted nearly 11 million members.

Ten short years ago the Hanover Township Citizens' Council would have been a crackpot oddity. In 1957, the National Citizens' Council for Better Schools reported that there were over 12,000 such groups, or about one for for every three school systems in the nation.

Citizens' committees are attacking the problems of electing school boards; procuring state aid; reorganizing school districts; lobbying for a sales tax for education and merit pay for teachers. They examine the adequacy of school buildings; the uses of educational television; the choice of textbooks; the methods of teaching spelling, reading, and arithmetic.

The systems of Montclair, New Jersey, and Plainedge, New York, have citizens' groups recruit college-educated parents to teach in the schools their children attend. The parents take a special short course in education.

Sometimes citizens pinch hit without formality. Several mathematicians in Scarsdale, New York, were drafted to cope with a grade-school math genius beyond his teachers. In Moorestown, New Jersey, scientists from the local Radio Corporation of America laboratory are offering high-school students courses in electronics and radio engineering at the request of parents worried about the skimpy science program.

A pamphlet, "Fifty Teachers to a Classroom," published by the Metropolitan School Study Council of Greater New York, is designed to stimulate the use of lay talent for special projects. It tells how a lighting company employee brought meters to an arithmetic class; a photographer demonstrated how to take better pictures; a baseball player lectured on sportsmanship.

New York business and professional leaders willingly interview students who express interest in their fields, and business organizations are enthusiastically offering their shops as classroom laboratories. Some schools are even designing homework to get parents into the teaching act.

Ideal citizen-school relations are exemplified in Great Neck, a rich Long Island suburb. It has one of the highest school budgets in the United States and no taxpayers' association.

Great Neck schools offer what the taxpayers love to call "frills." If a child stays home from school, a nurse calls his mother; if a child "doesn't wanna go to school," a psychologist talks to him. Guidance counselors, at the rate of one for every 200 pupils, are on hand for every problem imaginable.

Great Neck credits its "lighthouse" schools to Superintendent John L. Miller. Miller enlisted statisticians, real estate brokers, bankers, and actuaries in the community to make a study of population trends to help in planning a school building program. Guided by Teachers College, Columbia University, he worked with the independent Great Neck Education Association on a cooperative study of the Great Neck schools. Since then, 95 lay committees of the Board of Education have given 1,000 citizens practice in constructively investigating school activities.

Sooner or later almost every adult in Great Neck gets drawn into the schools. They serve on committees studying recreation, the budget, the adult education program, school-community relations, provisions for bright children, and college entrance procedures. They help prepare a slate of candidates for vacancies on the Board. They become class mothers and officers of the PTA groups. They even offer their special talents in the classroom (a cartoonist talks to art classes, a ballad singer enriches music programs).

All of this activity has produced a climate in which everyone contributes ideas whether serving on a committee or not. An eighth-grade girl sent Doctor Miller a news story about a school where junior high school students assisted primary teachers. She thought it would be a good idea for Great Neck. A businessman stopped Doctor Miller on the church steps to talk about the desperate need for better math and science training at the high-school level. Miller launched an experimental program for seventh graders gifted in math, which had them studying algebra in the eighth grade and headed for calculus by the twelfth.

Not all educators favor citizen participation. Many still resist any decline of the teacher's classroom power, pointing out that "unsteered" citizens might use the schools for selfish purposes or outright eccentricities.

An extreme case is that of a militant group of "Minute Women" of Houston, Texas, who forced the school system to substitute Texan for United States history, to bar class references to the United Nations, and to prescribe textbooks the professionals disapproved.

But constructive citizens' groups recognize the dangers of nonprofessional influence, and while they may argue for dynamic new programs, they tend to back down when a confident professional raises technical objections to these plans. The sincere nonprofessional accepts the experience and training of the educators as the final standard for judging new ideas. And the educators can—and do—profit by having to state their case. Systems which have independent, representative, and responsible citizens' committees provide better education than those which keep the public at arm's length.

For news of what other communities are doing to improve schools, turn to next page.

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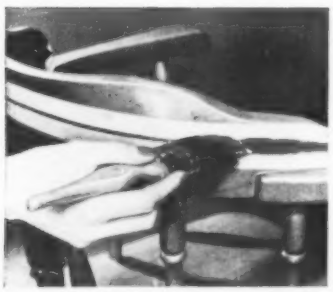

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What can you do about your schools?

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Greece, New York: The PTA-Citizens' Committees of three school districts joined together to build a high school and put over a bond issue to finance it. Subcommittees of a Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Board of Education studied the teaching of each high-school subject.

Volusia County, Florida: The Continuing Council on Education got the state to approve a Community Junior College. Council members made surveys, held public meetings, and filled 150 speaking engagements to get public support.

Champaign, Illinois: The Citizens' Survey Committee made a study of the community's educational needs. Subcommittees worked with teachers and University of Illinois professors of education to produce a 345-page report to the Board of Education. The result: salary raises for teachers, scrapping of obsolete facilities, and changes of curriculum.

Oskaloosa, Iowa: After four failures to pass a bond issue had left the town with a school so dilapidated that plaster literally fell on the heads of children, the Mothers' Crusade for Better Schools conducted a vigorous campaign and won a favorable vote at the polls.

Ravenswood City School District, California: A Citizens' Committee conducted a thorough report-card study. They collected report cards from all over the country and interviewed educators on various grading systems, assuring that student-evaluation in their community would be the best possible.

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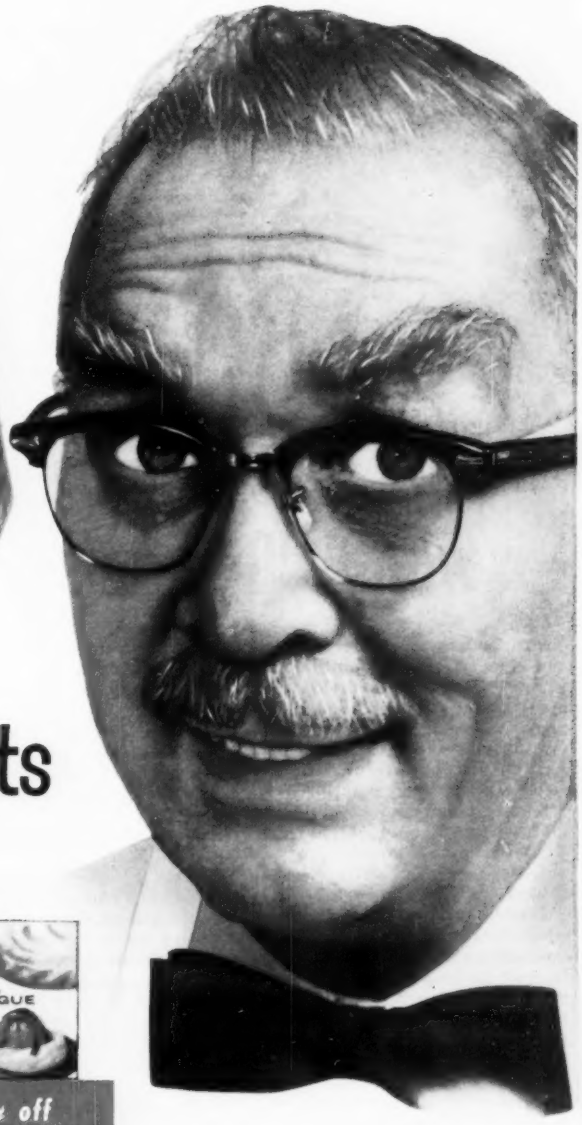

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Luckily for me, I was about forty when Betty began to worry about our future. "You're going to want to slow up in a few years," she'd say. And I'd laugh. Because I felt fine. "But you won't always want to work," she'd say. "Well, I still have fifteen good earning years ahead of me," I'd answer.

But one day she stopped me. She asked me how much I'd earn in the next fifteen years—not counting raises. I did some quick arithmetic, multiplying my salary by fifteen. It ran up into *six figures!* I gave her the answer, and grinned.

Betty wasn't impressed. "How much of that do you think we'll save?" she asked. I had to be honest. We were always paying off on a new car or a radio, or going places. "A thousand or two," I admitted.

"That's just our trouble," she said. "We can't seem to save. You ought to take out one of those retirement income plans right now."

I could see that Betty was right. Most of the money I'd make in the next fifteen years would go—as it always did—unless I made some systematic plan for our future then and there. So I looked into the subject and discovered the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan.

It was a way I could make part of my salary *now* buy me a retirement income *later*. All I needed was to start in time.

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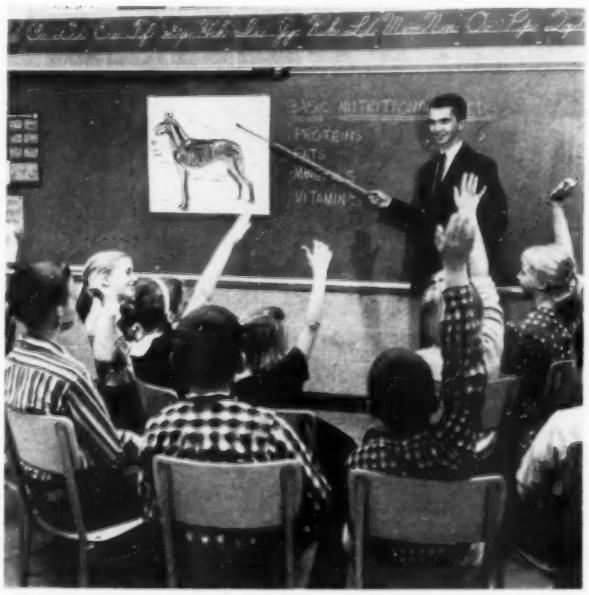
4-H fairs in the cities

By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

In town, dogs instead of livestock

Zoning laws keep livestock out of urban areas, but they don't dampen a child's desire to work with animals. Realizing this, 4-H officials have made dog care and training an official project, and competent instructors are beginning organized classes in the parks and playgrounds of several cities.



Open field fun and classroom theory

Commuting between baseball fields and blackboards, city children learn dog care in both practice and principle. Any boy or girl between 10 and 21 is eligible, and each one keeps a record book of the year's activities. Prizes are given to children who, in the opinion of the judges, achieve the best results.

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WIN NEW HOUSEPOWER CONTEST

$100,000 in prizes — CAPTION THIS CARTOON

WIN $5,000 CASH GRAND PRIZE

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It's easy! It's fun! Nothing to buy. First, read the facts about HOUSEPOWER shown below. Then write your cartoon caption, fill out the rest of the entry blank, mail it, and look at the prizes you may win:

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Today, 4 out of 5 homes have low HOUSEPOWER (not enough electrical wiring, outlets, and switches). See cartoon. This home is obviously one of the 4. If the man can find an outlet to plug that TV cord into, he's certainly going to see one or more of the symptoms of low HOUSEPOWER. His TV picture may shrink and wiggle when that coffee maker starts; the lights may dim. The coffee maker will be slow heating up. And no wonder the Mrs. looks bewildered at the maze of "Octopus plugs"—a sure sign of low HOUSEPOWER. For *full* HOUSEPOWER all they'd have to do is call their electrical contractor or electric company for a "HOUSEPOWER Rating." The electrical contractor can do the job quickly, neatly, economically. And *full* HOUSEPOWER will increase the value of their home.

"_____"

SEND IN YOUR CAPTION FOR THIS CARTOON IN COUPON BELOW

To show you how easy it is, here are some sample captions:
"I told you to get the wiring checked, Mr. Fix-it."
"How can I get a midnight snack with low HOUSEPOWER?"
"We might as well have a real octopus in here!"
See how simple it is! Now, write your caption in the coupon below and mail it in today!

HOW TO WIN

WHO MAY ENTER: Any user of electricity in their place of residence in the continental U.S. or Hawaii except employees (and their immediate families) of Electric Power Companies, Electric Leagues and Associations, their Advertising and Contest Agencies.

CLOSING DATE: Contest closes April 30, 1958. Entries postmarked after April 30, 1958 or received after May 5, 1958 are not eligible.

HOW TO ENTER: Read carefully winning facts about HOUSEPOWER above. Then complete entry blank at right. Fill in your name and address *twice*. Be sure to check answers to all questions. Mail entry blank to HOUSEPOWER, P.O. Box 2070, Grand Central Station, New York 17, New York.

Multiple entries will be accepted, provided an Official Entry Blank is used each time. Entry blanks may be obtained from local Electric Power Company.

JUDGING: Judging will be done by the Contest Management Division of Richard Manville Research Inc.—an independent contest organization. Judging will be based on the degree of aptness, originality, and sincerity of the caption you submit.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS: Winners will be notified by mail approximately 8 weeks from closing date of contest. Only one prize per household. Winners' list may be obtained by enclosing a *self-addressed, 6 cent stamped envelope with your entry.*

Contest is subject to federal, state, and local regulations. All entries become the property of Edison Electric Institute. Judges' decisions are final. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in case of ties.

Each contestant consents and agrees that neither the sponsors of this contest, nor the Contest Management Division of Richard Manville Research Inc. nor any of their respective employees, will incur any legal liability for any negligence, error, act, or failure to act in the sponsoring or conducting of this contest or the handling, or judging, of any contestant's entry; however, all due caution will be exercised to prevent the occurrence of any such errors.

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Number of fuses: 4 or fewer ☐ 5-7 ☐ 8 or more ☐
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Age of my home is_____years

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The woman who changed her world

Overweight all her life, Frances Schuerman uncovers a beautiful figure and a new lease on life

Even as a child, Frances Schuerman was plump. By 18 she had accumulated 10 pounds for every year of her life, to tip the scales at 180 pounds.

After she was married, the Cincinnati housewife continued to fight the "battle of the bulge." She tried one way after another to reduce, including many starvation diets. She only emerged ravenously hungry to eat her way back to the original mark and past it. Strenuous exercises also left her exhausted and hungry.

Frances had little energy for social activities those days. Even her naturally lively personality seemed to be hiding in a fortress of pounds, like a sleeping beauty waiting to be aroused!

Then after years of reducing trials and failures, she discovered the Stauffer Home Reducing Plan.

In a matter of weeks the "real" Frances began to come out of hiding. As her figure grew more lithe and attractive, the world around her grew more exciting. She began to take greater part in social activities, to have more fun with her children. Her proud husband, a successful auto dealer and real estate investor, insisted she go everywhere with him.

Today at 35, the girl people once said was "born to be fat" has proved her prophets wrong! As a slender lightweight (125 pounds) she has found a new world of activity, pleasure, and admiration.

For more information about this plan that is changing lives all over America, drop a postcard to: Stauffer Home Reducing Plan, Dept. B-38, 1919 Vineburn Avenue, Los Angeles 32, California.

With the Cincinnati skyline in the background, Mel and Frances Schuerman celebrate her new figure by dining at the Gourmet Room of the Terrace Hilton.

Always a plump little girl, Frances Schuerman ate and gained her way to 180 pounds at age 18. Some people said she was "born to be fat." Seventeen years later she had leveled off at 160, had tried many different ways to reduce without success.

Today a trim 125 pounds, Frances Schuerman steps out in one of her new size 11 dresses. Frances completely reproportioned her figure with the Stauffer Home Reducing Plan of effortless exercise and calorie reduction. Whether a woman need lose a few pounds or many, the Stauffer technique is ideal, for it trims away hard-to-lose inches from hips, tummy, thighs, arms (which diet alone cannot do).

Asked to model at a P.T.A. fashion show, Frances attends modeling school. Her new figure brought a desire for total self-improvement.

Frances and husband Mel meet for lunch. He trimmed his waist four inches with Mr. Stauffer's "Magic Couch"—the Posture-Rest® unit.

The Schuermans pause after an evening on the town. Stauffer Home Reducing Plan also gave Frances a beautiful new posture.

Sunday is a family day, and the Schuermans attend church with Wayne 11, Debbie 3. Frances enjoys cooking a big family dinner, has new energy for playing with the children.

Relaxing on the "Magic Couch," heart of the Stauffer plan, Frances maintains her new figure, while muscle tissue is firmed, toned. She found diet alone doesn't give a lovely figure. It also takes exercise which the motorized "Magic Couch" supplies without fatigue.

Mel gets ready to take his turn on the "Magic Couch" which is portable, lightweight, may be used while reading. Like many men, he finds it ideal for easing normal tensions that build during the day.

A Stauffer counsellor checks Frances' progress, giving important assistance to her slimming program. To find how Stauffer can help you get and keep a lovelier figure, write Stauffer Home Reducing Plan, Dept. B-38, 1919 Vineburn Avenue, Los Angeles 32, Calif., or 1500 N. Ogden Ave., Chicago 10, Ill., or 5929 Riverdale Ave., New York 71, N.Y. No obligation.

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4-H fairs in the cities

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City children learn what makes animals tick—how to care for and train them

4-H kids are a dog's best friends

In weekly or biweekly meetings, children learn just about every way to make a dog's life better. Attention is given to feeding, grooming, training, and basic medical care, and instructors discuss various ways to rid pets of fleas. Each child tries to make his own pet the best cared for in town.

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

Fair Day: climax of a year's work

At the end of the course, both children and dogs are given a chance to show what they've learned. Both the pets and their owners get awards, and one team is named champions. If your local 4-H club has no dog-care program, letters from you and your friends will probably encourage them to start one soon.

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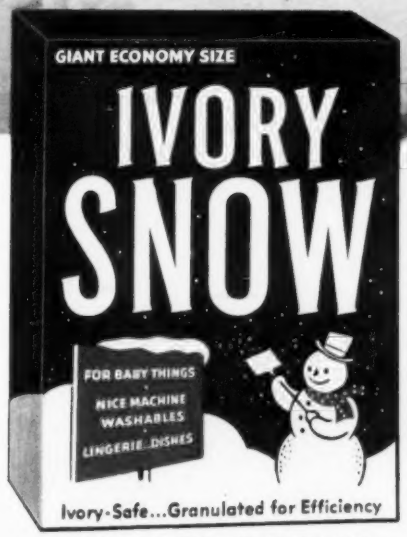

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PRUNES 'N' CREAM PIE

⅔ cup sugar	1 cup (½ pint) light cream
¼ cup flour	1 lb. DEL MONTE Prunes, cooked and pitted
¼ tsp. salt	Maraschino cherries, if desired
¼ tsp. cinnamon	1 9" unbaked pie shell

Combine sugar, flour, salt, cinnamon. Stir in cream. Place the pitted prunes in bottom of pie shell, reserving a few for garnish. Pour filling over. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 45 to 55 minutes, or till set in center. Garnish with prunes (and cherries if desired). Serves 7 to 8.

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When you choose your preschooler's clothes

By Ann Usher

Comfort is most important

Check these points so your child's movement isn't hampered or his skin chafed:

Sleeves—preferably raglan or kimono-type. If "set-in," armhole should be roomy.

Shoulder width—should span back and chest with no straining. If too large, shoulder seams won't stay in place.

Elastic at sleeve-, waist-, or leg bands—only part way around; never so tight as to leave red marks.

Neckline—low enough in front that it doesn't rub or choke; closely fit in back but won't ride up; not so large as to slip off shoulders.

Hips and crotch—should allow bending, stooping, sitting, and reaching without discomfort.

Trousers, sleeves—not too tight or too long.

Seams—soft, flat, sewed securely.

Separate skirts or trousers—suspended from shoulders by straps (crossed or fastened to prevent slipping) or by built-up jumper tops.

Winter clothing—light in weight and only enough to prevent chilling. Two lightweight garments are warmer than one heavyweight, make it easier to regulate body heat.

Convenience

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63	6.39	10.29	15.98	24.95	37.95
72	6.79	10.98	16.98	26.95	40.95
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When you choose preschooler's clothes

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Self-help features so he can learn to dress himself—clothes of one general style; opening always in same place (preferably in front); fasteners all of same type (buttons—flat, round, not too slippery, ranging from size of a nickel to a quarter, are most easily managed).

Trimming—as simple as possible.

Fabric—for outer garments—smooth, sturdy, closely woven of tightly twisted yarn, wrinkle and dirt resistant. For undergarments—fabrics of loosely twisted yarns for absorbency and of loose weave for ventilation. Check fabric by holding up to light. Yarns that appear fuzzy are usually loosely twisted.

Serviceability

Materials that won't stretch or shrink in laundering, require little or no ironing, are colorfast to sun, washing (if washable), dry cleaning, perspiration, and uric acid (if for a small child).

Manufacturer's label describing contents of fabric and recommendations for cleaning or laundering.

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Allowance for growth—side seams that can be let out; adjustable shoulder straps; tucks in skirts; folds under waistline; deep hems; extra long shirts and blouses. Don't buy clothing so large that child looks and feels awkward.

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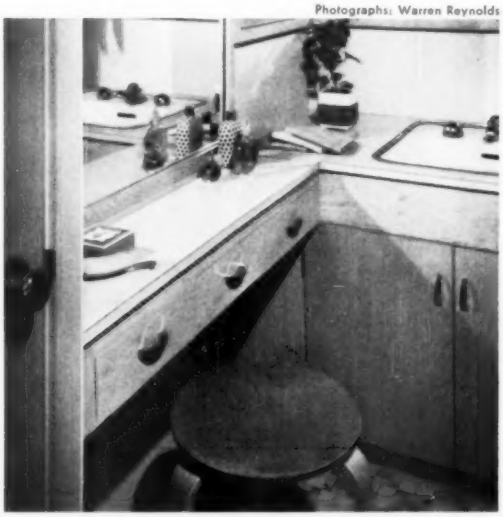

Use all the space. Space, always at a premium in bathrooms, is used to the best advantage here. Three small drawers under a narrow hanging shelf provide concealed storage for small toilet and make-up items. From the home of Dr. and Mrs. Malvin J. Nydahl, Hopkins, Minnesota.

Decorators: Lubliner & Himmel, Winnetka, Illinois

Two for two. Twin washbasins make this bathroom doubly convenient. The large mirror is actually sliding door of a king-size medicine cabinet. Soffit over washstand is painted to repeat the design of the window-treatment valance. The same effect could be created by using matching wallpaper and fabric. The Irving Winter home.

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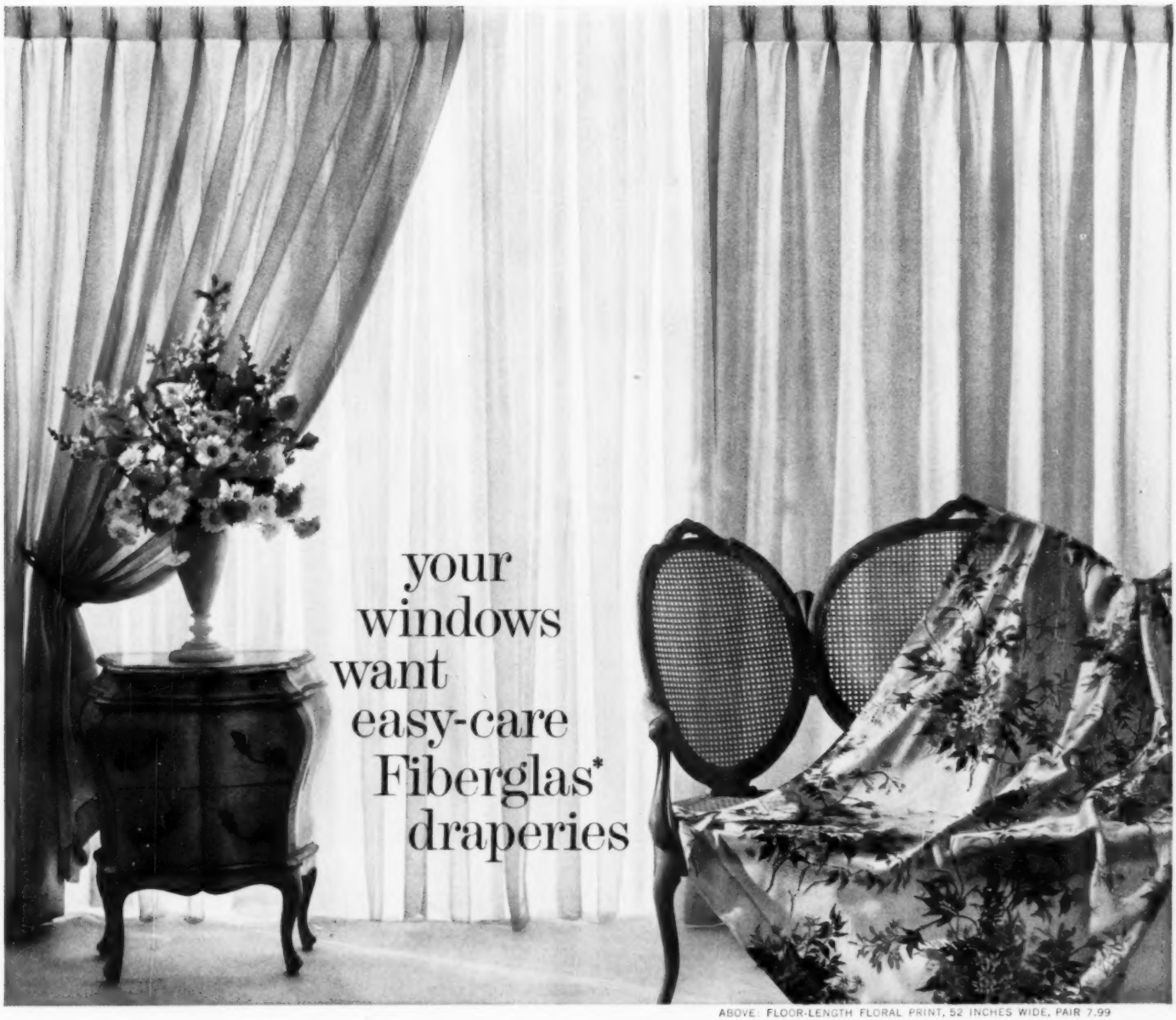

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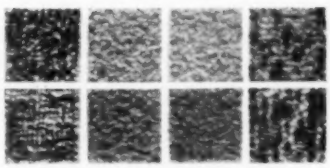

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Gay dress-ups for your bathroom

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Some new accessories or a whimsical wallpaper work decorating wonders

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Two to get ready. This time the two washbasins are in a bathroom for four boys. No traffic jams here: everyone can see to brush his hair in the big mirror. There's even a step-stool for the youngest. Each boy has his own towel ring and his towel color. Conveniences for Mom are towel shelves (covered by sliding doors) that can be filled from hall. Philip Kruvant home in South Orange, New Jersey.

Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorators: Lubliner & Himmel

Putting on the dog. This small half-bath went gay with a navy blue wallpaper patterned in white French Poodles. Curtains are white glazed chintz and, you're right, those are real red-leather dog collars and leashes. Even the guest towels pick up poodle theme, in reverse, navy on white. From the Joseph Hoyt home, Glencoe, Illinois.

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Don't let small space cramp your storage

Corner of an upstairs hallway can be just right for an out-of-the-way study spot. Benches easily slide out of traffic lane when they're not in use. They provide seating, too, for a second television set that ends family arguments over which program to watch. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Manes, located in Scarsdale, New York.

Photographs: Van Nes. Decorator: Maurice Weir

Here's a studying corner that's practically as efficient as Dad's office, with plenty of places to stow books, paper, pencils, and even a typewriter. Note how top drawer of desk overlaps side unit. This arrangement increases storage space without taking any more floor area. Bulletin board is a good reminder of assignments.

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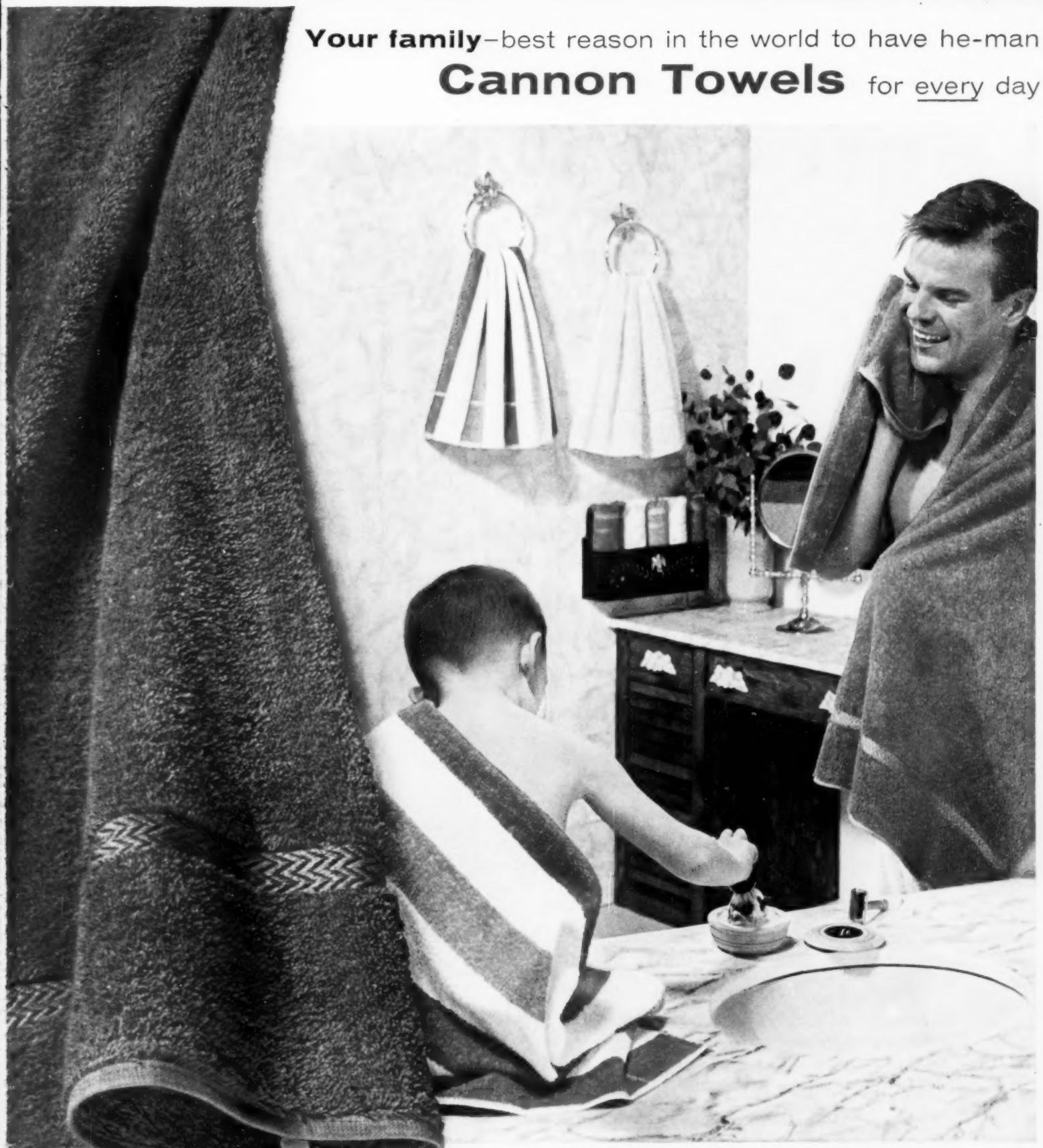

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Storage

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Here, space above and beneath bedroom windows is used to advantage. Shallow shelves make a convenient desk, and a display space for hobby interests. Spotlight is good idea where there isn't room for a desk lamp. Chest and supply cabinet at left use wall space instead of floor space. John Bonforte home, Colorado Springs.

Photographs: Burgess. Decorator: Harry Francis, A.I.D.

In this bedroom, the shallow space between two existing bookcases was filled in with desk-vanity shelf that takes less room than regular furniture. Gracefully shaped top is wider in center for adequate working space. It's covered with lacquer-protected Japanese teabox paper. Irregular shape of lower shelf gives kneehole space.

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In an actual store, the clerk would not have been startled but grateful that with the space limitations of the modern small house she wanted any books at all.

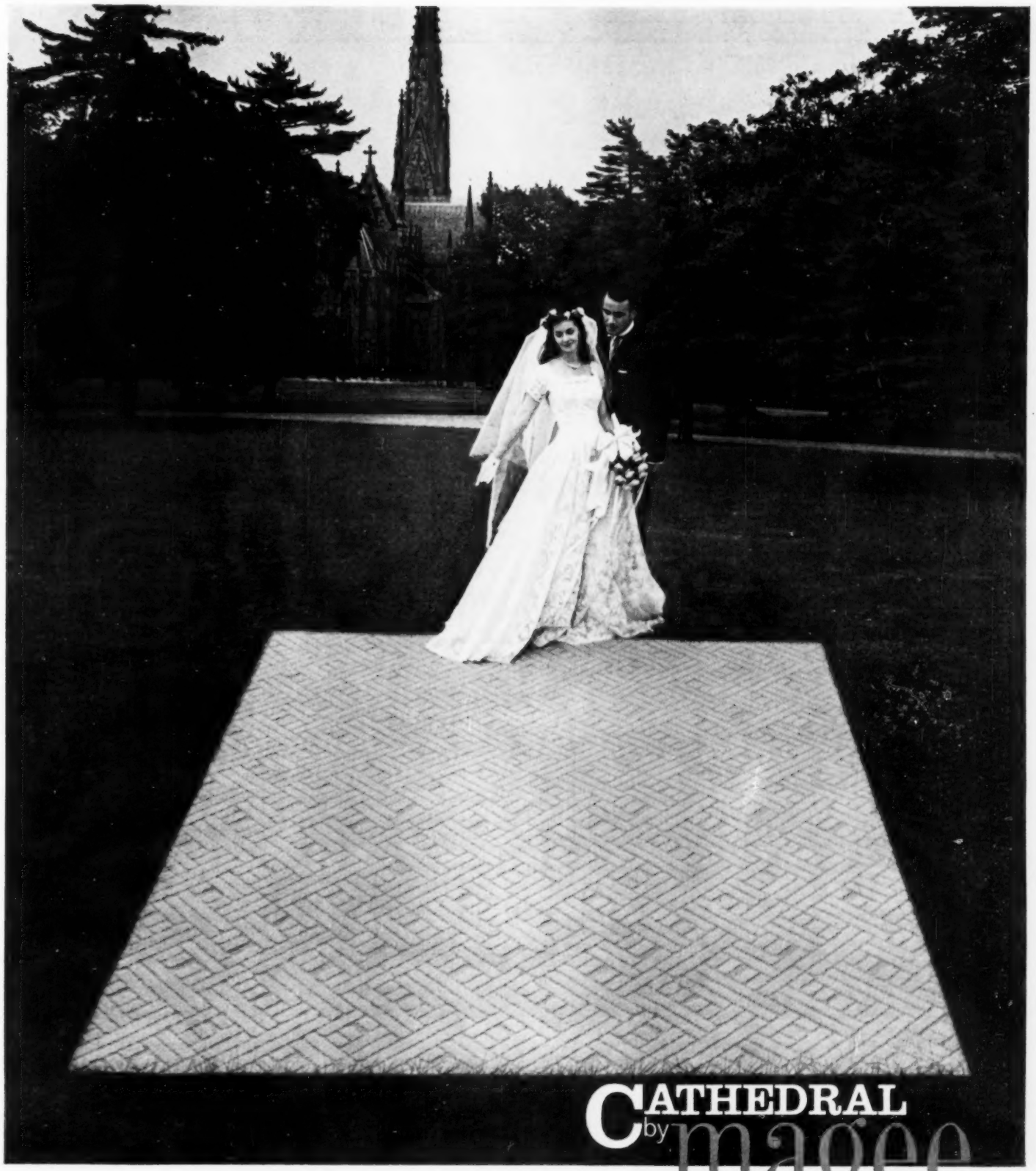
Time was when a house with pretension to anything more than mere shelter had a library, a whole room set aside for books. But that time, though not so long ago, is gone. Its values are as dead as the dodo. As extinct as the large families that gathered around the fireplace on Sunday evenings to hear books read aloud. As past and forgotten as the former isolation and loneliness of provincial towns and the desolation of farms. As dead as leisure.

The modern library has to compete with the movies, with organized sports, with the automobile, with dozens of community, school, and church organizations and events. Within the house it has to compete with the radio and the television set—not merely for attention but for every inch of lessened space.

Those who know books and have spent their lives with them are not pessimistic about the outcome of the competition. Books are still the lifeblood of master spirits, treasured up for ages. They are still the chief avenue to learning, to which all schools and colleges are only adjuncts.

But the competition poses a very real challenge which must be met intelligently. If we allow ourselves to be diverted from books and reading we shall soon be outstripped in cultural, as well as technical, achievements by nations that have not exchanged the essentials for the fripperies of life.

The first step in meeting it is to recognize the facts. One of the facts is the limitation of space in the modern house. Another is the limitation of that fraction of the family budget which can be allotted to books. The [*Turn to page 37*



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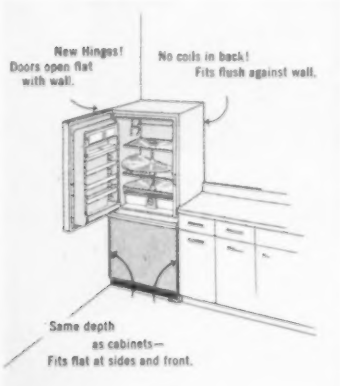

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Start a good home library on a budget

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home library can no longer be considered a reservoir of diversion or even a repository of the world's great fiction. There simply isn't room any more in the ordinary house for sets of Dickens and Thackeray and Scott and George Eliot. These are now in community libraries, and it should be said at once that these libraries are now a more vital part of the community than they ever were, and that they are filling—with great effectiveness—a dozen needs that a generation ago would not have been considered a part of their function.

Yet there still must be some books in the home, and in the small library these must be chiefly reference books, since facts must be checked at the moment they are needed. Everyone knows that if the looking up is put off it will never be done, especially with children. Their eager, insistent questions must be answered at once if the answers are to have value to them.

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Trim pillow covers of spread fabric give bed tailored finish — zippers sewed into side make them easy to remove and replace.

Decorative ideas for your bedroom

WHETHER it's a novel accessory or an unusual headboard, wall, or window treatment, just one ingenious idea can make a big decorative change in a bedroom

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Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorator: Roberta Koll

Two sides of padded headboard are actually separate from center section, slant out to become back rests. Use of same material for spread and headboard upholstery ties wall and beds together.

Choice here for headboard covering is leather: any plain, sturdy fabric would work the same way.

Warren Reynolds

Elegant metal work on valance, headboard unites bed with window treatment. Expanded metal was inexpensive. Jim Brown home, South Miami, Florida.

Extension of draperies beyond sides of bed widens window to more impressive size, acts as a frame for bed and backdrop for night tables and lamps.

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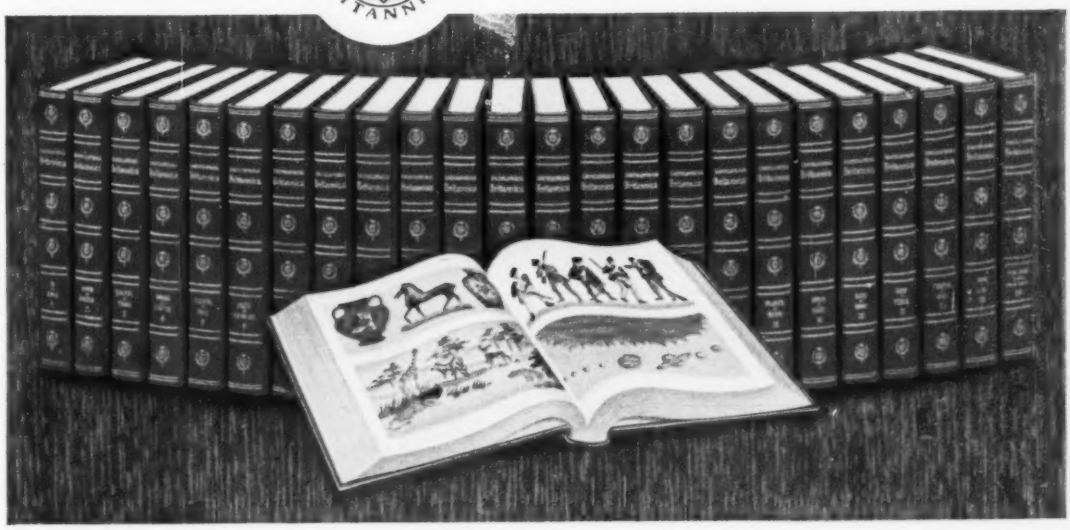

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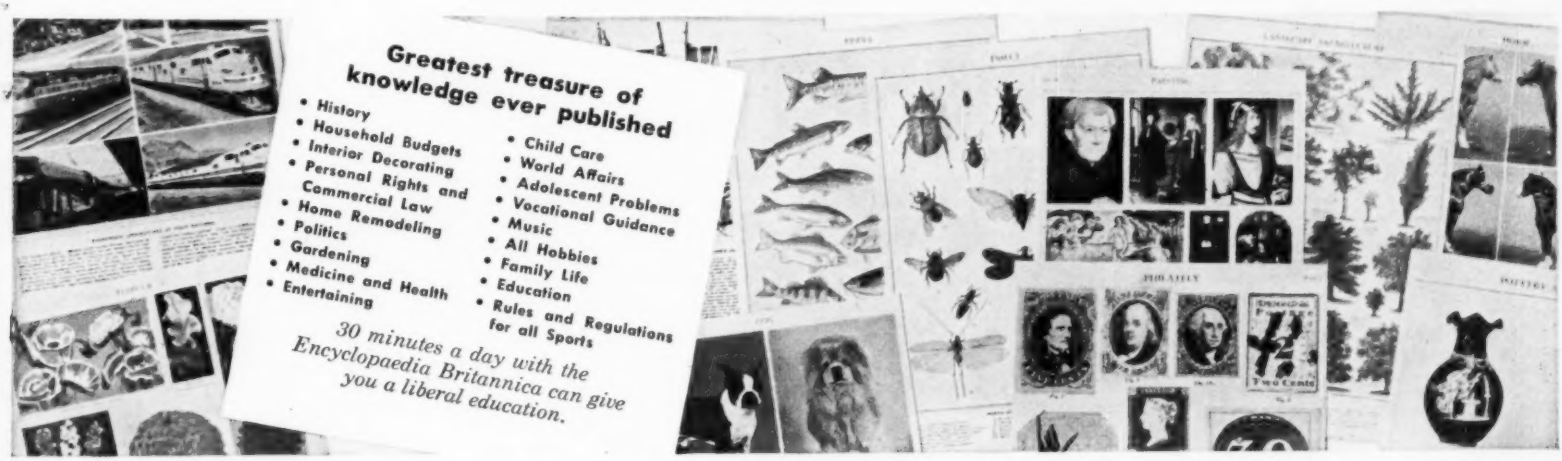

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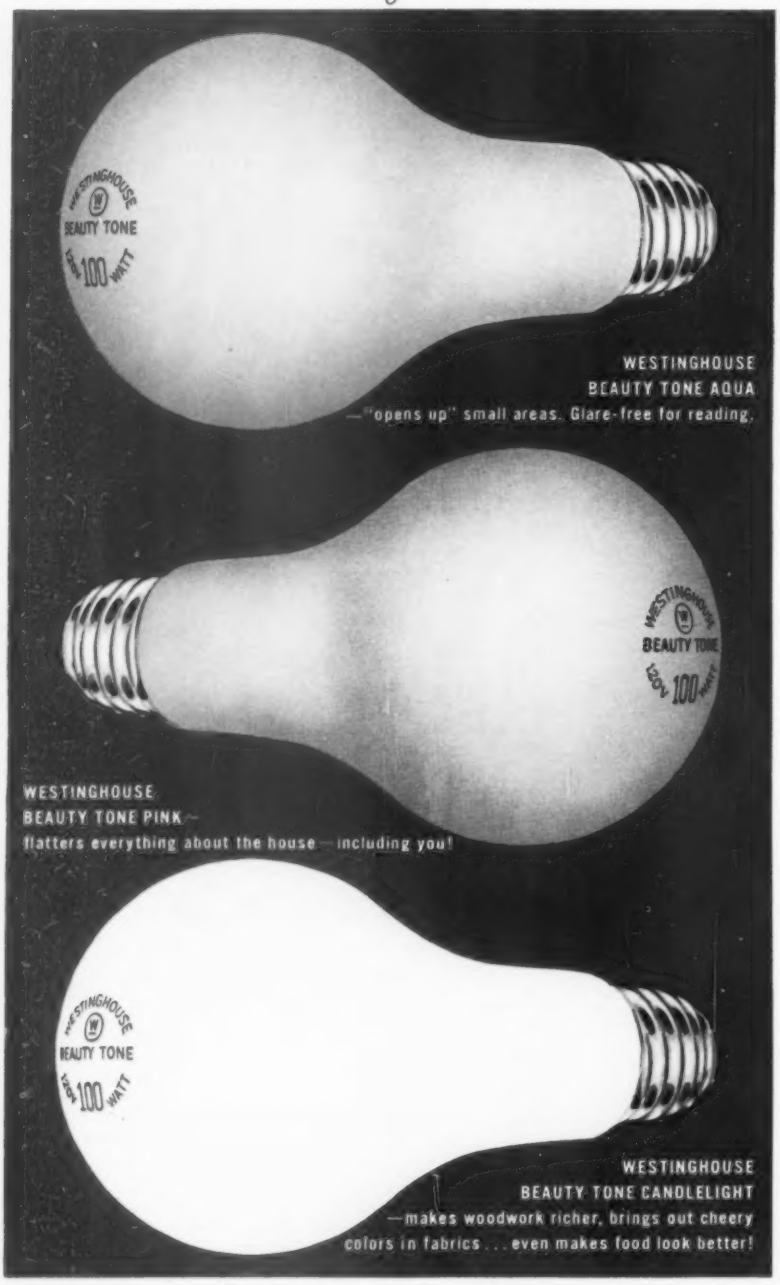

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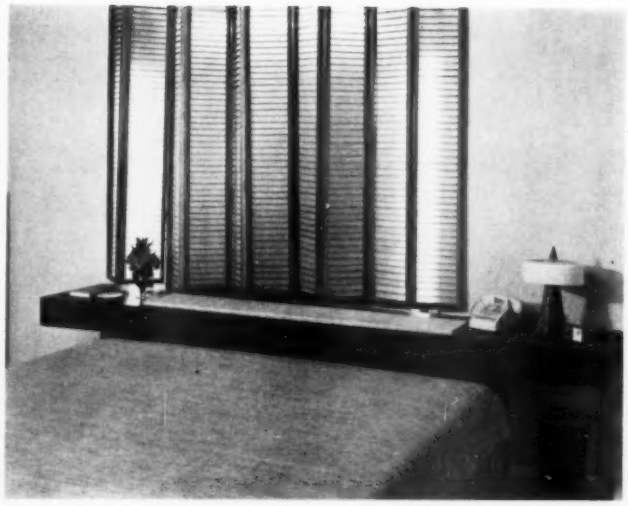

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Photographs: Warren Reynolds. Decorator: Kitty Mercer

Window treatment gives bed a sumptuous setting completely in keeping with its design in Arthur Brown home, Edina, Minnesota. Draping of swag is accentuated by use of richly carved ornament in center. Treatment was devised to hide windows family stopped using in favor of others that admit sunlight from another direction.

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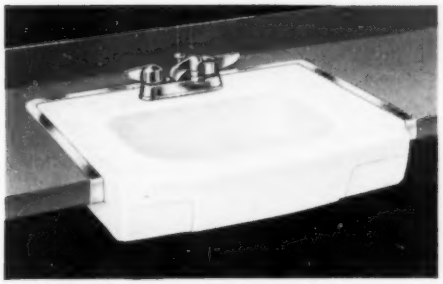

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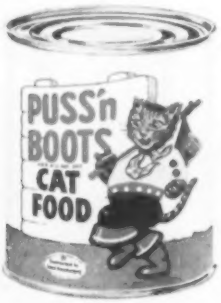

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By Harold Mehling

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The donors of these travel aids will be the major gasoline and oil companies, who maintain touring bureaus across the nation from San Francisco to New York, from Houston to Chicago. These bureaus will compete for the honor of giving away most of the $7,500,000 in services that will be provided this year.

Consider that they will distribute over 150,000,000 maps this year, and that the maps are revised twice a year to keep them up to date. Most of the companies now have large staffs whose only job is to prepare elaborate mailing packages and handle personal requests over bureau counters.

About the only request the oil firms make in return for their favors is that motorists try to use the facilities of companies whose products are marketed in their areas. It is a rare request that goes unfilled. A post card, phone call, or personal visit will bring eleventh-hour information on road conditions, construction and detours, the most scenic or direct route, facilities that will be found along the way, and helpful hints on traveling with children or on clothing that might be needed.

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The best and most complete service is received, of course, by motorists who give the gas and oil firms ample time to fill complicated requests. Accustomed to human frailties, though, the travel staffs will go to great lengths to get information to a family in time for its trip. There is a limit, as exemplified by a letter one staff received:

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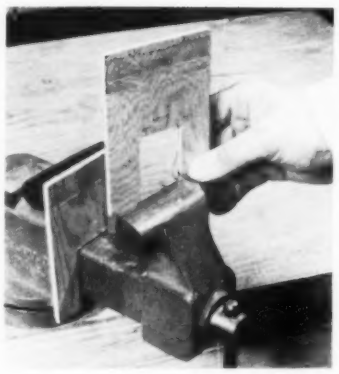

Two pieces of scrap plywood will convert your metal-working vise into one for wood.

Quarter-inch stock works best because it takes minimum space in vise opening.

For perfect fit, measure carefully before you cut the notches that will ride the vise screw.

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Small plastic bag makes excellent glove for messy maintenance jobs that would ruin gloves or stain hands.

Too, the thin plastic gives you a better sense of touch than you usually have when your hands are gloved in cloth, rubber, or leather.

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Operating a cleaning brush next to rough surfaces can skin knuckles or rub holes in work gloves in a jiffy.

Next time try using a band of rubber around the handle to protect your hand.

Cut it from an old innertube so it's wide enough to cover thumb and fingers fully.

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One of the best ways to keep a plane blade sharp is to retract it before putting plane away.

Another way to do the same thing — without retracting the blade — is to stick a strip of plastic electricians' tape over cutting edge.

When you're using plane, stick the tape to the handle.

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The flowing lines of Encore are illustrated charmingly in this bedroom. Notice the sliding doors in the bed headboard and the interesting treatment of the dresser and chest drawers.

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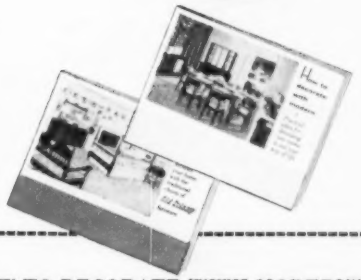

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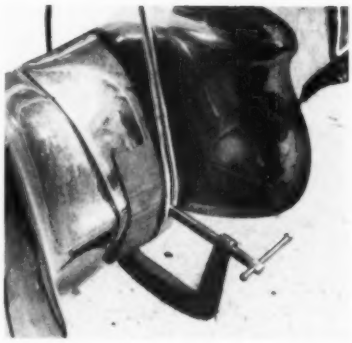
The right twist makes better connections around tiny electrical binding-post screws when you're using braided-type wire on the job.

First twist strands to the left. This way, compressing screwhead will tend to tighten strands instead of fraying and mashing them.

Then loop the wire into *right-hand* U. When snugged down, screwhead will cinch the wire around the post.

Bob Gilmore
Sonoma, Calif.



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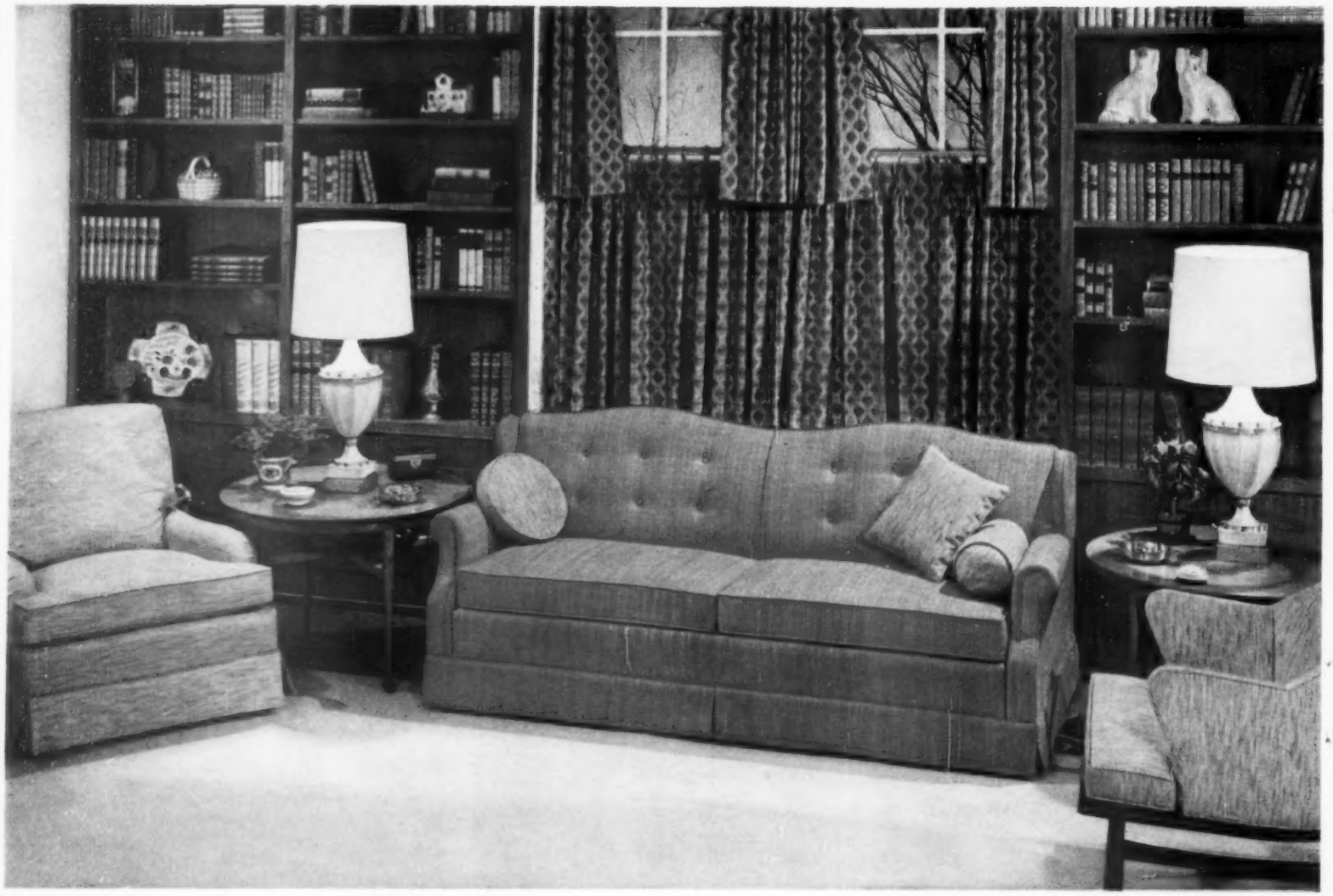

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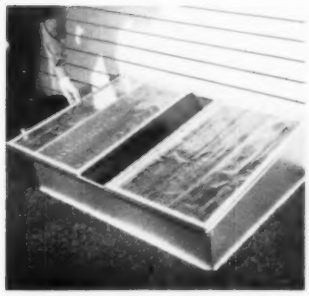
Rotisserie Oven costs $89.95, available soon in stores. General Electric Co., Bridgeport 2, Conn.



Upkeep's no problem with this coldframe. It's aluminum—never needs paint, won't rot or rust. The windows are transparent plastic reinforced with aluminum wire, so you needn't worry about glass breakage. A plus feature is an aluminum rain gutter. Windows slide or raise up. Lightweight frame is 36x42 inches.

Aluminum Cold Frame is $19.95, ppd., Merchant & Evans Co., 2025 Washington Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

A handy combination—roll of memo paper, pencil, and family bulletin board. Magnets hold messages in place. With this, you can post a note to anyone in the family or yourself in a hurry! Pencil is chained in place. Pad takes adding-machine tape for refills.

Magnetic Memo in red, yellow, white, or turquoise, $2.95; copper, $3.95, in stores. Ketcham and McDougall, Inc., 465 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, N. J.

Solves the problem of where to set the tape recorder when in use or storage. The mobile cart also lets you keep accessories handy. Front compartments hold 27 reels. Rear accessory compartment, 18x 11½x8 inches deep, even has room for two stereo amplifiers. Space is also provided for lid storage. The cart comes in mahogany, pebble, or light finish. Cart is 22½ inches high, making your tape recorder desk height. Handy cart can be used with all-make recorders.

Audio-Cart, $29.95, in stores. Universal Woodcrafters, Inc., La Porte, Ind.

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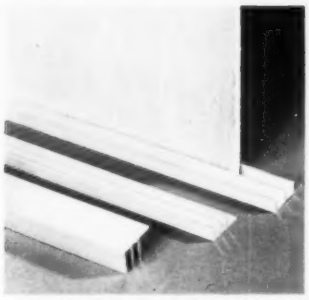

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Gentle vibration of the mattress to relax tired muscles and taut nerves makes this bed news in the way of tranquilizers. You just attach the motor to an ordinary bed by means of an H-shaped frame that is easily installed. You can set the tranquilizing action for any desired length of time up to one hour by adjusting a clock-type device that plugs into a wall socket.

Vibra-Rest is $79.50 when sold separately or $59.95 with any bed made by mfr., Basic-Witz Furniture Industries, Waynesboro, Va.

Powerful idea—this four-cell, six-volt torch combines the compact handiness of the family flashlight with long-distance carrying power of portable electric lanterns. Its weight, however, is but 22 ounces. It produces a beam of light twice the intensity of standard two-cell flashlights and has a quarter-mile penetration at night.

Four-Cell Satellite torch costs $3.29 without batteries, in stores. Burgess Battery Co., Freeport, Ill.

Fun for Easter time—cupcakes shaped like Easter eggs! Wouldn't they be attractive decorated with delicate pastel frosting? Use them singly or put two together for a plump egg. Each cup holds about one tablespoon of batter. Mold is cast aluminum, makes eight cupcakes at a time.

Egg Cupcake Pan is $2.95, ppd., from mfr., Maid of Scandinavia Co., 3245 Raleigh, Minneapolis 16, Minn.

A handyman help. Sliding door-track sets of aluminum neatly solve your problem of providing precision channels for sliding doors or panels. They come in two sizes—one for ⅛-inch panels like hardboard or glass, and one size for ¼-inch panels such as plywood. Insert or remove panels from bottom. Come in six-foot lengths.

Sliding door-track sets, $3.69 for ⅛-inch size, $3.95 for ¼-inch size, in stores. Reynolds Metals Co., Louisville 1, Ky.

Automatic dispenser built into the lid of this diaper pail sprays germicidal solution on each soiled diaper. It's designed to stop diaper odor. Germicidal solution and water in lid reservoir are automatically measured when you lift lid. Saturates diaper as lid's replaced. Plastic pail holds 24 diapers, is pink, blue, or yellow with white.

Diapersol Diaper Pail, $4.95, in stores. Mark Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pa.

It's apple-pie easy to position driftwood or branches in a flower arrangement with this holder. It screws onto wood with its needles pointing down to interlock with any pin-type holder. It permits a firm mounting at many angles and positions. Holds base of wood out of water, too. In 1¼- or 2-inch size.

Duzz-All Holders, 50c and $1, in stores. Dazey Mfg. Co., 2214 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

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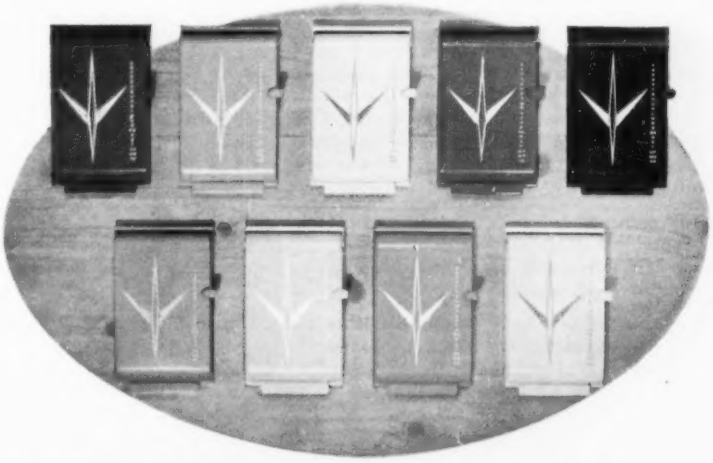

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The bare facts about bedding

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How can you tell a Texfoam mattress?
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There's a lot more to be said for Texfoam in mattresses, in pillows, and furniture as well. The complete story is waiting for a word from you. Write B. F. Goodrich Sponge Products, a division of The B. F. Goodrich Company, Dept C, 309 Derby Place, Shelton, Connecticut.

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Texfoam MATTRESSES, CUSHIONING, PILLOWS

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Clever little trick to help a child—and grownups, too—identify overshoes, gloves, raincoats. Print owner's name on dime-size plastic button; attach. A transparent disc snaps over the name to keep out dirt, water. Use 'em this summer to identify camping equipment or other personal property.

Brand-O-Buttons, 25c for six, in stores, 24 for $1, ppd. from mfr., Brand-O-Button, Oakland, Iowa.

Sleekly styled to look attractive on your lawn. This oscillating sprinkler has style features we usually associate with smart household appliances. It drags easily without marring grass, and waters a rectangular area up to 40x55 feet. Adjustable, it waters on either side, full area, or any point in between.

Green Spot oscillating sprinkler, $9.95, in stores. Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury 20, Conn.

Hidden asset of this electric can opener makes it unnecessary to open tall cans at the edge of a kitchen counter. Concealed legs unfold to make opener tall enough to handle the big ones. Performs at a touch, and for safety, motor stops when you release starting handle. Magnet retains lids. Magnet and cutting wheel slip off for cleaning. White, chrome trim.

Can-O-Matic electric can opener, $24.95, in stores. Rival Mfg. Co., Kansas City 29, Mo.

Easy to handle because they're so lightweight. These tin snips are aluminum with hardened, tool-steel blades. And—good news—blades are replaceable. Means you don't have to get new snips when blades are worn—just replace blades. Notice how hand grips give protection to fingers.

Andy Tinner Snips, $6.75, in stores. Anderson Tool & Mfg. Co., 3450 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago, Ill.

As durable as it is smart. This mailbox won't rust, stain, crack, or fade because it's glass fiber. Colors actually are molded in so it keeps that "just new" look. It is $16\frac{1}{2}$x$4\frac{1}{2}$x$7\frac{1}{2}$—big enough to hold largest size publications. Self-closing, too! All-black with brass or green and white with brass.

Town and Country Mailbox, $8.95, in stores. Plastic Products Corp., P. O. Box 857, Cleveland 22, Ohio.

Gives you a chance to increase transistor radio's tonal response. Auxiliary speaker actually gives convenience of personal portable radio when you're on the go as well as sound of a de luxe table model when at home. Cabinet has recessed top into which radio fits. Speaker is attached by plugging in earphone jack.

Transistor Convertible, $14.95, in stores, fits personal radios made by mfr., RCA, New York 20, N.Y.

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A father talks to his son

Drawing: Bob Keyes

By Henry Gregor Felsen

Like most fathers, I have hoarded a vast sum of advice which I am constantly trying to transfer to my teen-age son's account, and which he—like most children—insists be retained in my name. Yet, there are many times when my son wants to talk to me about himself and his world and actively seeks my opinion and advice.

The problem, when lent the filial ear, is knowing when to quit. There is a great temptation, when asked for specific advice on one subject, to respond with an endless lecture that not only exhausts the boy, and confuses him, but usually doesn't answer his question.

How much of what I say to him is important? Normally, I think every word earns its keep. But I have asked myself this question: What would I say to my boy if, instead of a lifetime and an unlimited fund of words, I were allowed only a few minutes, and a few thousand words to do us forever?

These are the words I would leave with him:

My boy, the most important problem facing you today is that of your survival. I don't mean the threats to your existence posed by possible wars of super-bombs and missiles. I mean the normal problems of survival in what is your normal world.

I mean first your physical survival, through the teen-age years, in your dearest joy and deadliest enemy—the automobile.

I mean your vocational survival in a world where every opportunity is every day more fiercely contested.

I mean your cultural survival in a society which besieges your young mind with cheap entertainments, cheap diversions, and cheap philosophies.

I mean your moral survival in an age which mass-produces vulgar ideals, vulgar goals, vulgar satisfactions.

I mean your sexual survival as the head of a family, immune in your life to the destructive definition of sex as a brief physical contact between any male and any female.

I do not expect you to understand everything I say. I will be satisfied if, at any given time in your life, a small percentage of my words have meaning for you. So many things can be explained to a boy, but understood only by a man. How can I expect you, in your teens, to learn from a few words what it has taken me 40 years of living to understand? I can only prepare you for understanding life. You alone possess—or lack—the capacity to achieve it.

You are bursting with the desire to be "grown-up." To you, that means reaching an age where you can do more things. You have yet to discover that maturity is not compounded of chronology and physical dimension; that at any time in life your degree of maturity can be measured by your attitude toward the normal responsibilities of your age. Even now.

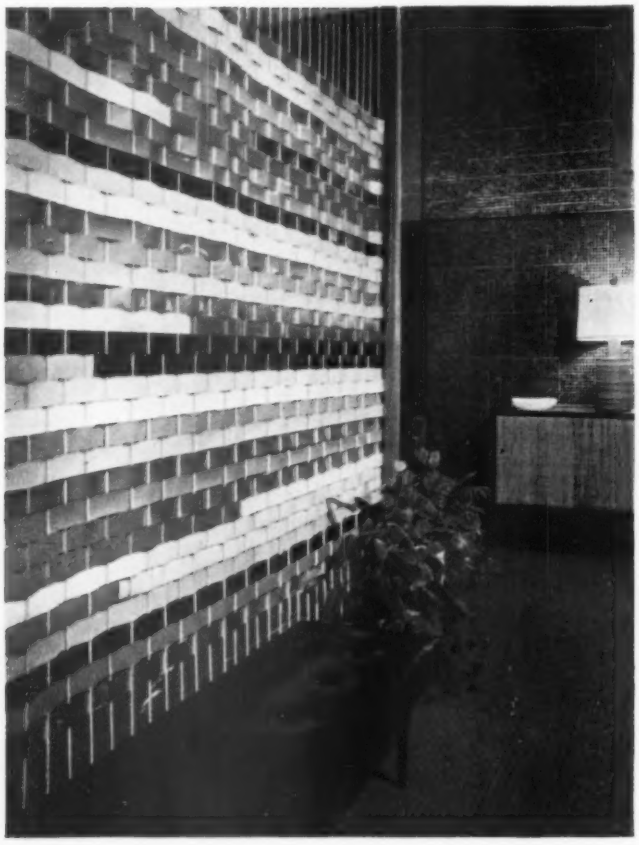
It is not when you are "grown-up," but now, and in the brief teen years that follow, that you face the most important responsibilities of your entire life. Now, perhaps more than at any other time, it is in your personal power to decide how—and [*Turn to page 122*

Here's an idea!

where the big pay-off

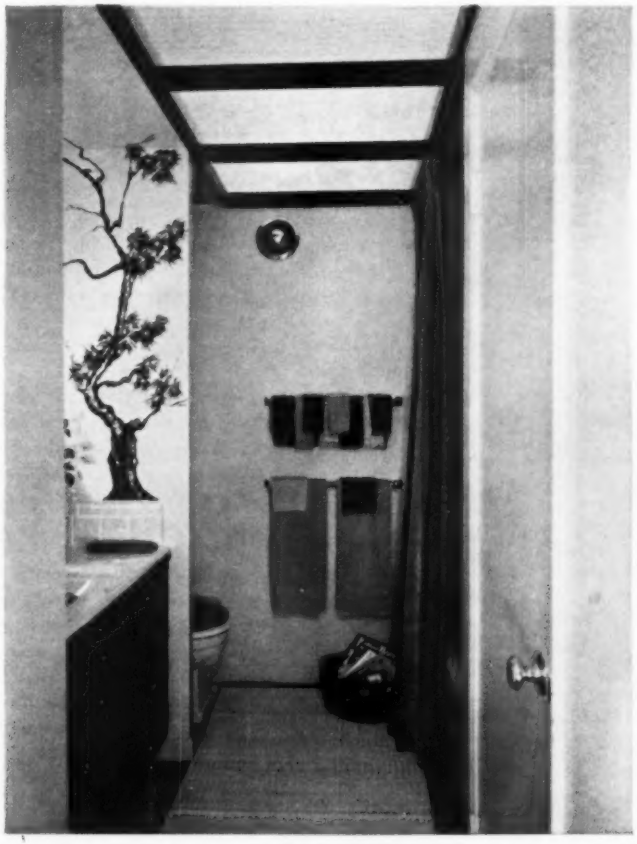
is not what you pay out

Look for ways to improve your home from the many ideas we show here. They're things you can do on your own—additions, repairs, and replacements that give you so much for so little. Take the radiator treatment at right—planned and completed for $6.51! There are many other ideas—all good, all inexpensive, and for all around the house



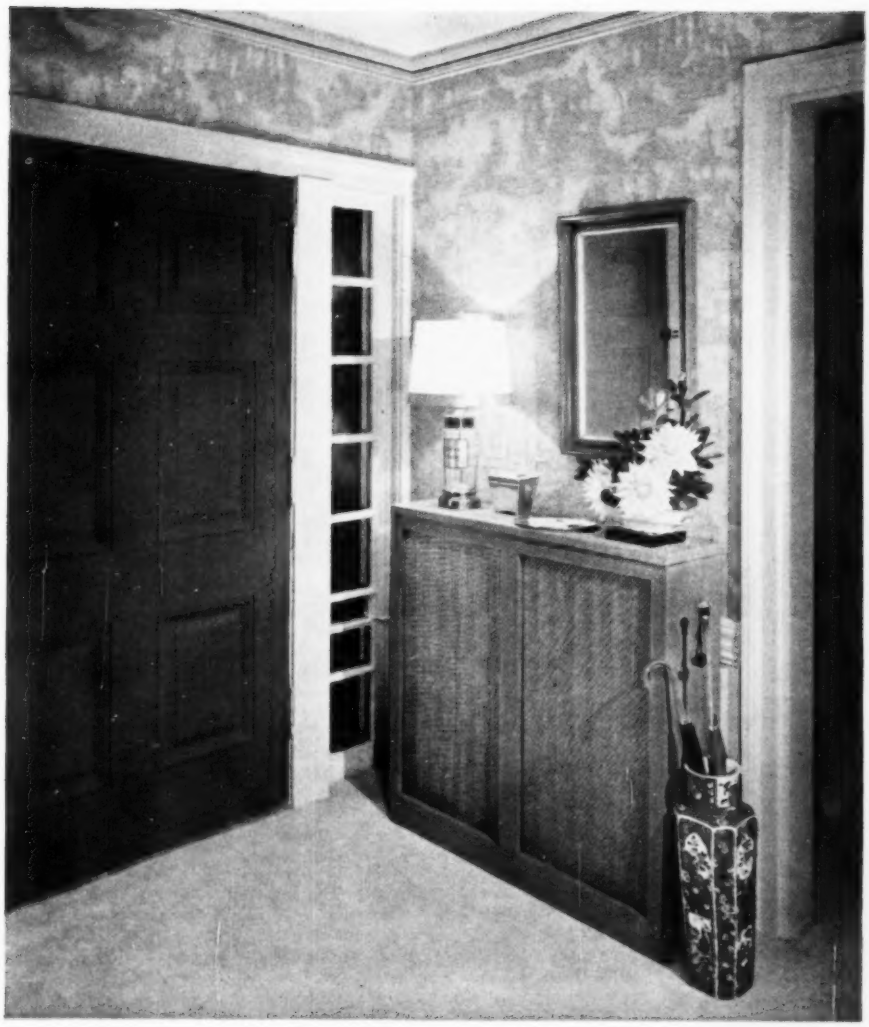
Many-colored room divider is easily made

You can spend a lot or a little when you build this handsome room divider. It depends on material you select. Precoated venetian blind slats are interwoven with white plastic clothesline rope, securely anchored at top and bottom. Plastic, metal, or strips of fabric or leather may be used.



Lighting panel lowers high ceiling

Translucent plastic panel set into wood frame is basis of this do-it-yourself bathroom lighting fixture. Light comes from two fluorescent tubes, 49¼ inches long, at $13.35 a pair. Frame is attached to studs with screws, can easily be lowered to change bulbs. Total cost: under $30.



BEFORE

New look for an old hallway—
$6.51 for radiator cover and coat of paint

Hall radiator was an eyesore which detracted from this otherwise pleasant entrance. Removable console cover was built of plywood and pine lumber; grillwork is quarter-inch expanded metal mesh, sprayed with a can of gold paint.

Radiator cover and front door were painted to blend with, rather than to match, the other woodwork. Distinctive accessories were mostly salvaged from attic; flower bowl is simply a soup tureen set on a block of polished wood.

AFTER

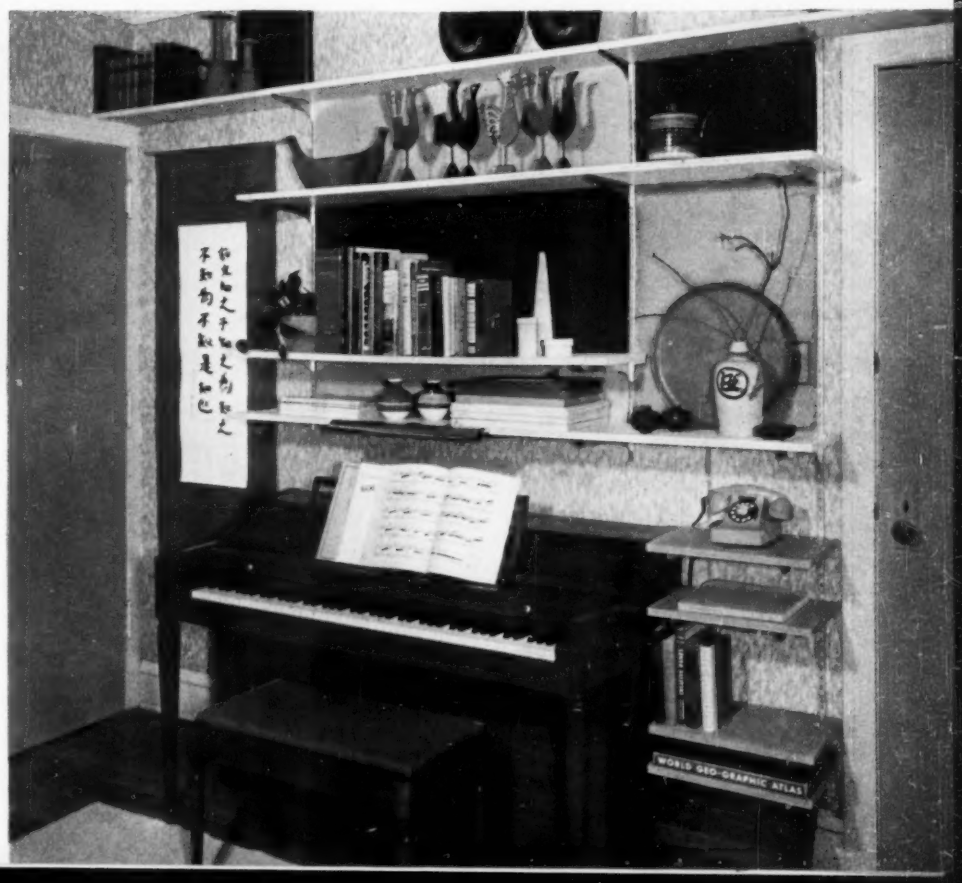
More ideas on next page

BEFORE

Wall shelves and colored poster board form decorative piano wall

Well-styled piano looked drab against mottled wallpaper, dark woodwork. There was no place for telephone, sheet music, and accessories.

Wooden shelves of various lengths, 8- and 12-inch depths, were set on adjustable metal keyhole stripping. Colored poster board forms contrasting backdrop, saves repapering. Fluorescent lamp was clipped to edge of lower shelf. Doors were faced with plywood. Total job: $55.



AFTER

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BEFORE

Vinyl surface flooring replaces worn rug, costs only $16.30 for a 12-foot room

The Navajo rug lost its decorative value when it was used to cover several worn places in the carpet. Furniture arrangement was unimaginative, looked haphazard.

Then the carpet was replaced with vinyl surface flooring printed in a cork pattern. This type of flooring lies flat without fastening, can be moved as you would a rug. New patterns are smart enough for the living room.

With new floor installed, the Indian rug was able to take its rightful place as an accent rug. The furniture was then rearranged to complement the rug, and to form a better conversational grouping and balanced appearance.

Among other budget alternates for worn carpets are low-cost fiber rugs. Or, if you have fine hardwood floors, wax them and display them proudly, using accent rugs for color.

AFTER

BEFORE

Bright touches for a boy's bedroom

Circus mural provided a fine theme for this room, but dark rug and plain draperies failed to carry it out.

Bright touches—striped draperies, dust ruffle, and headboard—are easy to make, inexpensive. Corners of bedspreads were cut and stitched for tailored look.

Legs were removed from chest so it would fit under window sill; top and sides were painted gay red. Amusing cotton rug cost $11.50, pulley lights, $12.75 each.

AFTER

BEFORE

Coordinated curtains and shade eliminate gap over window

Draperies which hung from ceiling left an unpleasant gap over window frame. Wall looked bare, lacked decorative accents. Then, striped cafe curtains were added for color. Matching fabric was attached to spring roller to form shade; hung high, it eliminates gap.

Wall decoration is a photographic enlargement of a tiny illustration from the encyclopedia. Mounted on 1-inch blocks of wood, it projects from wall to form "shadow frame."

AFTER

Paper cutouts form colorful mural

For under $10, you can create a striking wall mural from construction paper cutouts. Try before you paste; attach with masking tape until you have the effect you want.

Then use wallpaper paste to attach permanently. And frame with an inexpensive builder's molding.

Do you need decorating help? You can get it by visiting one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens magazine. You'll find the Center nearest you in the list on page 162.

Wall-map mural uses one material, plus a dash of imagination

Cut wall map from ⅛-inch perforated hardboard. First copy a map to scale on graph paper, transfer to hardboard using white grease pencil.

Saw with coping, jig, or bandsaw, paint. Mount with furring strips or hardboard spacers and toggle bolts or flange-type fasteners.

Wallpaper cover for old furniture

Glamor comes to a pair of old dressers when they're covered with the bedroom wallpaper for a coordinated effect. Two rolls do the trick—a $6 project.

Glass laid over paper prevents soiling. Owners splurged on new bed, economized by renovating chests.

More ideas on next page

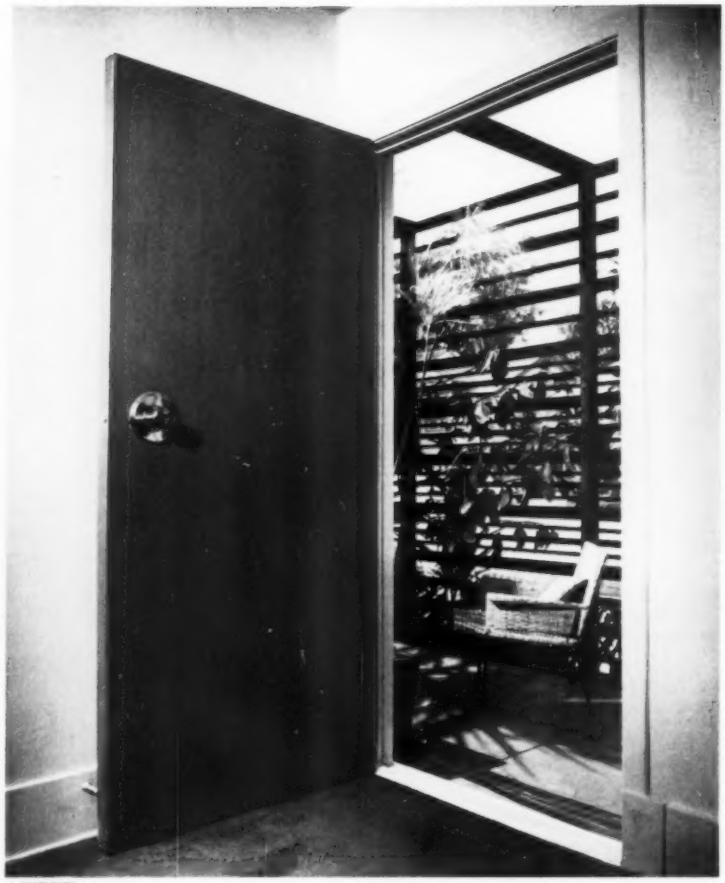
Here's an idea! *continued*

BEFORE

Cost: $5 to make this door new

Re-cover each side with quarter-inch plywood. Glue on, fasten with finishing nails, countersunk. Plane edge or finish smooth with molding. Brass knob, paint complete the restyling.

To fit door, molding was set back in casing. Caution: Be sure old door's not warped, split.



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Inefficient cooking corner became a good-looking planning area

A small changeabout in kitchen planning placed the old, awkward cooking center closer to other work areas, saved many steps at mealtime, and made room for this attractive and much-needed planning desk and cleaning closet. Perhaps your kitchen has a corner for a planning-cleaning combo.

Blue steel cabinets add color, wallpapered soffit gives pattern to the corner. To hold down construction costs in your kitchen improvement, skip the soffits (wallpapered section above cabinets)—just hang wall cabinets at a height to suit you.

AFTER

BEFORE

It took $23—a saw and a pot of paint!

Fine old staircase had outlived its era — dated by golden oak finish and urn-shaped balustrade caps.

First, newel posts were shorn of caps. Staircase and walls were painted a uniform flat white; ceiling, a sandle tone; floors and treads, a rich mahogany stain.

In keeping with new styling, old piano was painted to wall color.

AFTER

Plywood bunk is a storage unit, too

If you have to double up for space (and even if you don't), this many-sided built-in is a practical answer for parents, a play answer for children. Here's a container for Junior as well as his toys.

Unit's built of ¾-inch plywood with lattice molding to support mattress. Drawers (one for toys, one for bedding) can be of lighter material — such as ½-inch plywood. Plywood's sealed with penetrating cedar stain, then finished with clear lacquer. Dimensions of unit: bunk is 34 inches wide by 76 inches long, 15½ inches high.

High, awkward fireplace of yesteryear was dismantled of excess decorations

BEFORE. Towering mantel overwhelmed fireplace — almost overwhelmed room as well. Fancy "extras" included beveled oval mirror, rococo gewgaws, and "secondary" mantel at a lower level. To overcome all this, owners spent $3.20 — for paint, plywood, and plaster.

AFTER. Shorn of its aggressive decorations, fireplace now belongs in setting for today's living. Original top mantel is on new level, with its base lowered four inches on brick. Patching plaster (50 cents) refinished wall where gangling mantel was torn out.

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Here's an idea! *Continued*

HOW'S YOUR HOME? *See page 22 for announcement $125,000 Home Improvement Contest*

Antique finish makes fine hall chest

You can antique an old chest right over the old finish. First you scrub and scour to remove loose scale and pigment. Then apply resin sealer to make the old paint firm and hard.

Patch holes with wood plastic and "slap on" two coats of semigloss enamel, for the aged look. Then mix a glaze of turpentine, linseed oil, and burnt umber. Brush it on, then wipe off most of it for a good antiquing job.

Dressing table has flush doors set on unfinished chests

Two medium flush-panel doors of stock size make a glamorous dressing table for a teen-ager. Sturdy, unfinished chests form a practical support for doors. Here, birch doors (18 inches wide, 6 feet 8 inches long) have been shellacked and varnished. Chest legs were cut to place unit at exact height of window sill. Doors cost between $8 and $9. Unfinished furniture varies widely in cost and is available everywhere.

Tight budget? Remodel kitchen in stages

Start your kitchen improvement with a single wall. Why not a new window treatment, as here? The bonus is a much-needed eating area. Table is a half circle, made from four cedar planks.

Curtain is giant check denim, styled into an awning. Support is made from two long brass curtain rods, each bent into U shape and attached to window frame. Rods are threaded through casings at top and bottom of fabric. Total cost for change? Under $50.

Put your laundry behind rolling wood-slat screen

Now you see it—soon you don't! With this improvement, washer and dryer can appear and disappear at your command. Especially convenient if appliances are located in kitchen, hall, bath, or family room.

For nary a wasted inch, build in linen shelves above. As fluffy towels come out of dryer, fold and store them right here. Slat blind which pulls down to form "door" costs about $20; carpentry work totals around $40.

Add a room—gain a combination workshop and garden storage center

The lack of work space and the need for a rainy-day place to play were the reasons for this colorful, inexpensive addition at the rear of a double garage. Big features include walls lined with perforated hardboard for easy hanging of shop tools and garden equipment. Two large entrances make it wonderfully convenient to handle tools and materials such as lawnmowers, plywood and hardboard sheets. The room also doubles as a study.

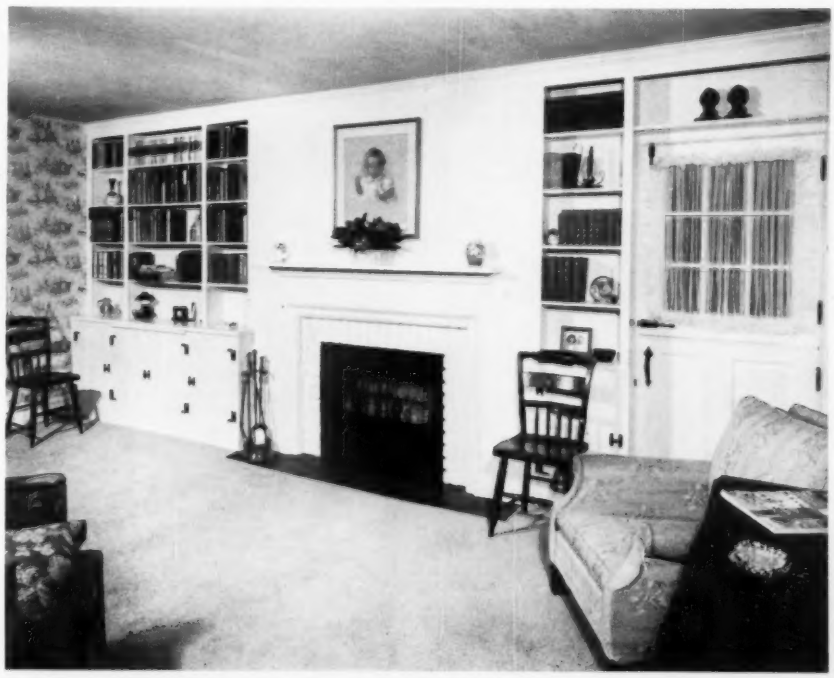
More photographs on page 184

BEFORE

Make fireplace the true center of interest by building around it

High-manteled fireplace dominated, didn't beautify this spacious living room. Two doors flanking fireplace created traffic havoc.

Complete remodeling brought new wall out from existing wall, providing depth for bookshelves and cabinets. Paneling frames fireplace, improves scale. Excess door disappeared behind storage; neat Dutch door replaced other one.



AFTER

This Five Star home has lots of space for outdoor enjoyment: a cool open-air patio of concrete slabs, and this delightful 17x12 screen porch. Walkway from patio leads to front of house and off-street parking. Guests can walk straight here without detour through house.

Concrete floor of porch can be hosed down to clean (note raised threshhold on door that leads to living and dining areas).

At far end of living room—in corner of its own—is dining area with glass-walled view to other side of lot. Kitchen (behind white wall) is close to screen porch, handy for outdoor and indoor dining.

Note how attractive the 8-foot door becomes when flanked by matching units of brick and glass—all floor-to-ceiling height. With no overhead framing, door closely connects indoor, outdoor entertaining areas.

★★★★★ FIVE STAR HOME 2803

YOU CAN BUY PLANS

A house with space and style

It's nice to look at, nicer to live in. Simple design and standardized materials make it possible to have the most floor area at the least cost

By John Normile, A.I.A.

Can the popular single-level house, in simple, rectangular shape, offer the same advantages as a two-story or split-level? These advantages are, chiefly, more space for less money and effective separation of active and quiet areas.

This month's Five Star home does achieve those features—and does it in a colorful, attractive, up-to-date way.

Take space and separation: into less than 1,400 square feet, the architect skillfully fits three bedrooms, two full baths, and a distinct dining space. The center entry effectively divides living from sleeping. Yet there is an easy flow of traffic between the two areas. Every room—even the basement—is quickly reached from front door.

Appearance is a big thing, too. Five Star 2803 is composed of attractive, equal exterior units of glass, wood, and brick. Each is a uniform measurement (called standard module), suited to precut, standard sizes of materials.

Doors throughout are an extra large, 8-foot height. These floor-to-ceiling units repeat inside the uniform, balanced look of exterior. Their size adds to feeling of interior space; extra cost is offset by less framing.

The owners of this Five Star home are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weiss, Highland Park, Illinois. Louis Huebner, A.I.A., Evanston, Illinois, was their architect.

Chimney turns as clean a front indoors as out. Neutral tones of brick, carpet, ceiling shift visual emphasis to colorful furnishings, walnut paneling, and view through floor-to-ceiling glass.

Windows expand feeling of space during day. After dark, attention turns to fireplace. Traffic is channeled along one wall (see plan) so conversational groupings are left undisturbed.

For pictures of kitchen, children's room, see page 160

Simple exterior materials focus attention on color and line—the charm of this Five Star home. Soft gray of vertical paneling is brightened by sparkling white and accents of turquoise.

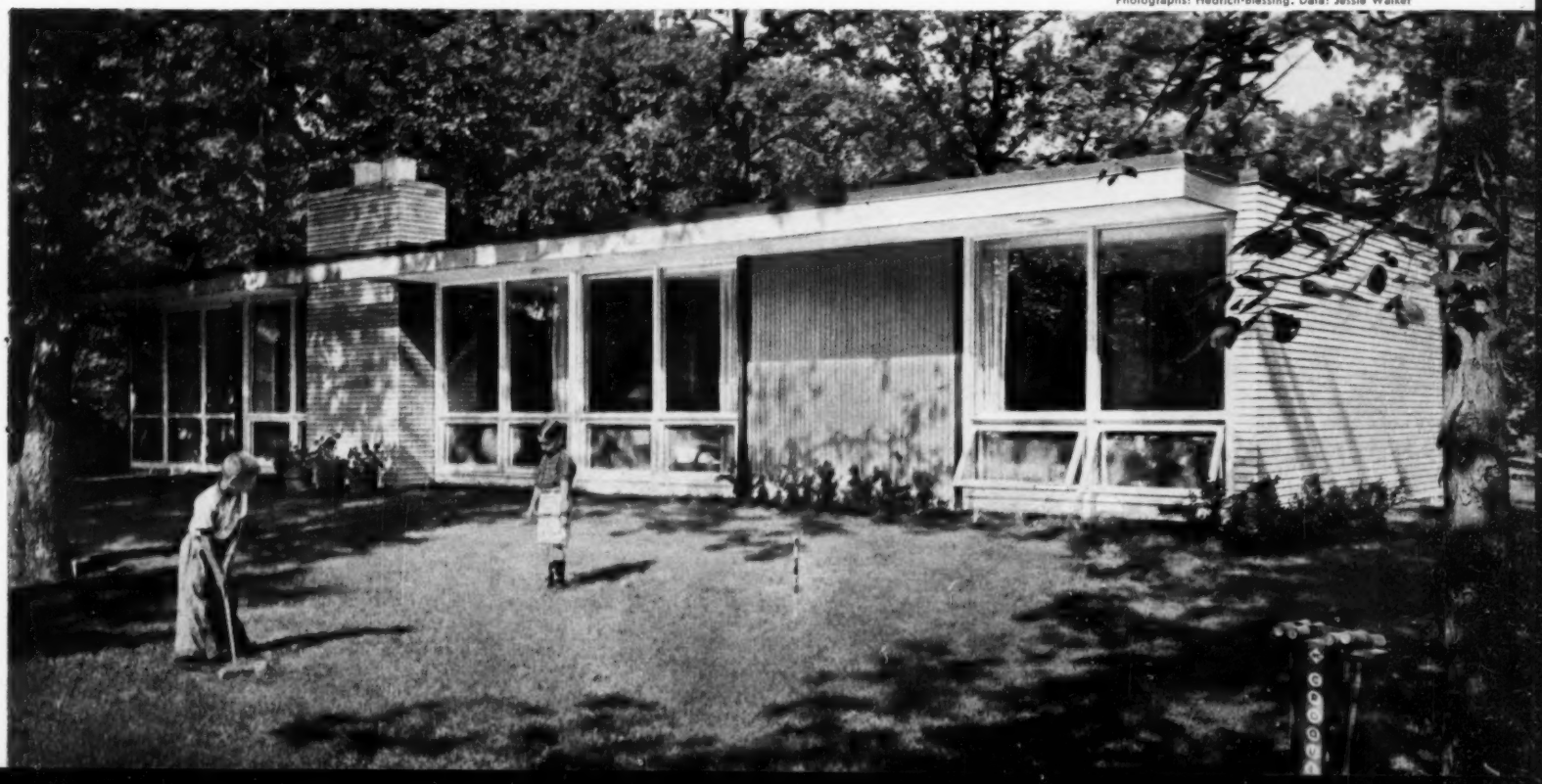
Economical flat roof uses overhang right where it's needed: sheltered route to entry, shade for kitchen, dining-room windows. Projecting porch (right) opens to front and back of lot, catches breeze.

Rooms fall in simple, but effective order in this economical, post-and-beam rectangle. House measures 50x26½ feet, 1,325 square feet. ➜

Living and sleeping areas of house open to private back-yard view. Windowless, the brick end wall is a cost-cutting feature that gives solid, secure appearance. (Wall projects to screen bedroom glass.)

Same brick is repeated in chimney, making it an essential element of the house instead of an appendage. Uninterrupted fascia strip, continuous line of window mullions unite glass, wood, brick.

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Data: Jessie Walker



Comfort–new trend in gardens!

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Photographs: de Gennaro

OUR AMERICAN GARDENS have been quietly changing. . . . Big view windows are bringing our indoor and outdoor living areas together. . . . Low-set houses make it easier to step outside. . . . Today's costs dictate our making better use of every roofed and unroofed foot we own. . . . So, gardens are extending our indoor living, play, and work spaces in the pleasantest sort of ways. . . . One big new aim is comfort

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Outdoor living room adapts to evening use

Sturdy prefab fireplace can swivel, quickly takes chill from air. Spark screen fits tightly. Grate serves every purpose asked of one indoors. Tiny lights in foreground will also glow pleasantly when strung through a small tree.

Games have a place and so do the flowers

Even if you don't play chess or grow roses, you'll admit a weatherproof board, and chessmen that a gale can't budge, are bright ideas. Aztec Rose—one of the newest, reddest—like all roses, needs a sunny spot.

Photograph: Weymouth. Landscape architect: Douglas Baylis

Friendly, see-through fence shuts off the street

The smaller your house, the more you need your outdoor space for family use. Screen off public area like this at start. Later let grapes or roses fill in the openings.

More garden comfort ideas, next page

COMFORT—new trend in gardens

Well-planned gardens today give us all we ever had—and more. But each addition and its upkeep should get clear-eyed scrutiny

Designers: Van Keppel-Green

Gardens now start under porch or roof overhangs

Your living space stretches delightfully when garden color and comfort are but a few steps away from your favorite chair. It's easy to keep color going with potted plants.

Architects: A. Quincy Jones and Frederick E. Emmons, A.I.A.

There's no scurry when it rains if you own weatherproofed furniture

Wonderfully smart—this table top of concrete, with exposed-aggregate finish, rests on three metal legs, never tips, and hoses clean.

Seats of new quick-drying synthetics stretched on light metal frames give you a choice of styles, make outdoor furnishings pretty and carefree.

Photographs: de Gennaro

Small garden terrace accommodates hammock, outdoor meals, posies

Quicker than you think, you can have a pretty and comfortable retreat like this. Lay plank table on sawhorses, bring chairs from house. Spread down three bags of gravel. Hang your hammock out of the cook's way.

Then for real garden feeling, pack in all the petunia plants two big tubs will hold.

Lisanti, Inc.

Convenient and comfortable seats get you more from beauty spots you already own

If you have trees, by all means think up new ways you can make use of the cool pools of shade they cast. Paving of some kind reduces the upkeep of grass where seats are often pulled about to catch the breezes. Such small paved spots are easy to add and can give you a lot of pleasure when you want to "just sit."

MEXICO-
Three ways

By William R. Wilson

If you'd enjoy hooking a sailfish in the Gulf of Mexico; if you'd like to shop the fabulous silver bazaars of Taxco or the colorful native marketplaces of Toluca and Oaxaca; if you've always wanted to swim among the thousands of floating gardenias of the luxurious hotel pool at Fortin de las Flores; if, in short, you're looking for a spot where modern comforts and ancient cultures are joined in a setting of snow-capped volcanoes, tropical jungles, and mile after mile of palm-lined beaches—then your vacation dreams are probably focused on Mexico.

Modern Mexico is a land of infinite variety and innumberable contrasts. Twentieth- [*Turn to page 148*

Some of the best routes through Mexico are discussed in this article. The Eastern loop is in green on the map, a Western loop in yellow. Visitors who combine the two, following the route in red, enjoy some of the attractions of each. Several side trips, many originating in Mexico City, are in blue.

In a village near Guadalajara, Indians paint designs on handmade pottery.

Photographs: Author

The market place in Taxco offers fabulous bargains in silver and tinware.

An ultramodern Olympic swimming pool is part of the University of Mexico.

Royal coach of Maximilian and Carlotta, Chapultepec Palace, Mexico City.

Acapulco, the "Riviera of the Americas," has ideal weather, luxurious hotels, beautiful scenery, and facilities for almost every land and water sport.

The church seen from the window of this Taxco hotel has an altar of solid silver.

The University of Mexico, probably the most modern campus in the world.

There's MAGIC in the new carpets

By Florence Byerly

Now we have colors that thrive under long exposure to the sun; synthetic fibers that shake off dust and scorn spills, won't mat, and resist moths and mildew; exciting new weaves and colors in wool and cotton rugs. Buying is easier, too—budget plans are liberal and often you can arrange a trade-in

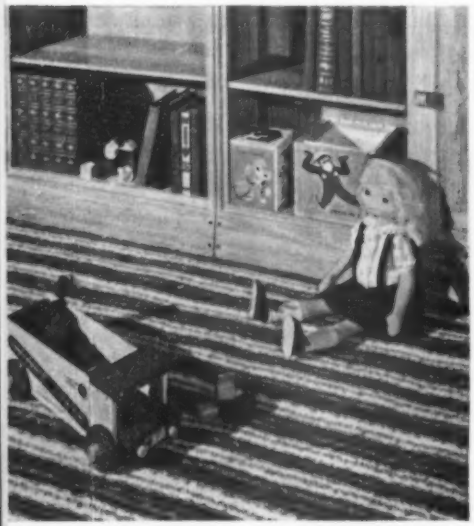
See what's new under foot this season—fibers that let you tread softly on their resilient tufted finishes, yet take spills in their stride, whisk clean in a flash. There are new textures, contrasting colors, a return to patterns—sometimes coordinated with solid shades. Area and accent rugs have taken on new decorative importance, fill a definite need in many homes.

And retailers have made it easier for you to buy. Did you know that you can trade in your old rug, often in lieu of a down payment? Most stores let you finance your carpet, paying for it as you would a major appliance. Selling in the home is becoming more prevalent, enables you to view generous samples under natural or artificial light, to see how they blend with your decorating scheme, to make selection a family proposition.

There is a definite trend toward subtle beiges, with vivid decorator colors at the opposite end of the pole. The softer shades of gold, rose, and blue, formerly available only in the higher price range, are coming into the medium-price bracket. The orange family—mango, rust, and coral—is now high-style. Off-white shades also are gaining favor rapidly.

Synthetic fibers are tough and resilient, hold their colors, don't soil easily

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing



Solution-dyed rayon is excellent buy in medium-price range. Color is locked into fiber; carpet can be spot-cleaned with household bleach to remove ink and other stubborn stains without danger of fading.

Stripes are fashion news, blend with either Contemporary or Traditional.

Nylon has the look of luxury, is extremely durable and resilient. All-nylon is the strongest; blended with other fibers in a ratio of 20 percent or more, it gives the carpet added strength.

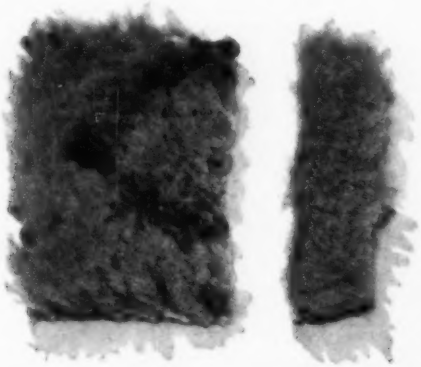
Delicate colors present no problem. Spills stay on surface, are quickly wiped away. Round fibers release dirt easily with normal vacuuming.

Acrylic fiber carpets have a high degree of resiliency, virtually eliminating matting. Heavy traffic doesn't harm them—a number of busy hotels and popular theatres have installed them in their lobbies.

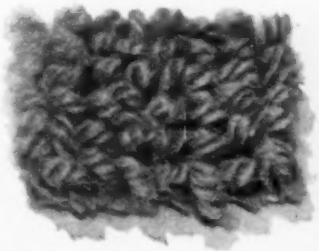
Durable and soil-resistant, they are unaffected by strong sunlight. Like other synthetics, they are non-allergenic, resist moths and mildew.

Area rugs have acquired new importance, are especially useful in open-plan houses. Here, the sculptured accent rug is shaped to the lines of the oval dining table. The rectangular rug defines the living area, helps to form a conversational grouping. In both natural and synthetic fibers, smaller rugs of this type permit economizing on size rather than quality. Easily picked up and moved, they're especially good for families in temporary homes.

Colors range from neutrals to vibrant tones

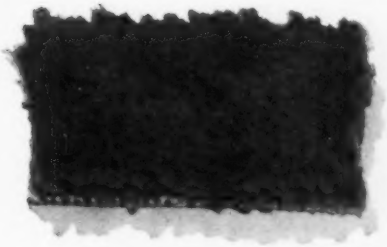


Florentine Rose in patterned and plain—a decorative way to relate two rooms with color.



Neutral Nomad—not beige, not gray.

Fresco Blue—an important color. Note the shaggy loop weave.



American Beauty—marks the return of blue-reds.

For facts about carpet fibers, see page 140

"She's clever with her basic verticals, but her supplementary values are terrible."

"Do you really think it's playing fair to shellac a pussy willow?"

"I think the judges ought to be told that Harriet did it all with her left hand."

Drawings by Helen E. Hokinson
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Let's go to the Flower Show!

By Fae Huttenlocher

In her delightfully perceptive cartoons, the beloved Helen E. Hokinson captured the fun of Flower Show competition. Because her sketches continue to give the ladies as much pleasure as the ladies gave her, we couldn't resist including a few of them here

When we're looking for sparkling new ideas, inspiration, and beauty, we hie ourselves off to a flower show. We suggest you do the same. You can study, you can learn, you can plan great things for a summer in the garden—or, you can just look. In these days of anxieties, pressures, and threats to our way of life, it is more than reassuring to view and contemplate the undaunted persistence and imperishable perfections of Nature.

For almost half a century, these magnificent community spectacles have given pleasure, encouragement, and help to millions of people. Last year in New York City alone, the International Flower Show attracted 150,000 visitors from 47 states and 29 foreign countries. And throughout the nation, hundreds of garden club groups assist in organizing and actively participate in flower shows for their communities. You'll profit by a visit to one.

Though the gardens are lovely and the new varieties of great interest, some of the most exciting exhibits are found in the flower arrangement and table setting classes. Here, garden club members compete in creative imagination and composition. Some shows have added a new interest by displaying flowers in room settings designed and set up by leading decorators of the community. Here we show you arrangements of both types.

Stylized beauty for a boudoir

At the Michigan Flower and Home Show held in Detroit, backgrounds designed by members of the American Institute of Decorators are used in a noncompetitive class to show the proper use of flower arrangements in the home.

This, a bouquet done in the French manner, repeats the colors of a Provincial bedroom designed by Walter Ludwig and Associates, A.I.D.

Photographs: Hedrich, Hedrich-Blessing

Harmony in color is the theme

Yellow carnations, bells of Ireland, and limes make a handsome and harmonious contribution to this attractive study designed for the Detroit show by Clarence E. Leak, Jr., A.I.D.

Interesting textural contrasts in the flowers and fruits create a subtle excitement in a monochromatic color scheme. The room shows a careful blending of the old with the new.

Red geraniums win in Chicago

The Lake Bluff (Illinois) Garden Club won both a blue and a tricolor ribbon with this "Tea on the Terrace" table setting at the Chicago Flower Show and Modern Living Exposition. The tricolor means outstanding, and an entry must have received a blue or first before being considered for the award.

Entries are judged on color combination, design, distinction and originality, suitability and condition of materials, and conformation to schedule.

More flowers on next page

Let's go to the flower show!

continued

Natural beauty on a dining table

An ingenious and creative use of house plants, driftwood, and candles is shown in this tricolor winner entered in the Chicago show by the Glenview (Illinois) Garden Club. Its class was called "Supper Takes on a Festive Air."

African-violets, comfortably nestled in driftwood, establish a lovely color harmony with the table appointments.

Use small bouquets in small spaces

Two coral-pink carnations backed with glossy camellia foliage make a properly petite but sprightly nosegay for this chairside table. Embroidered curtains at the window, a gracious wing chair, and alabaster accessories indicate the Traditional elegance of a room designed by Mrs. Ralph D. Yankee, A.I.D., for the Detroit show.

Spring flowers in traditional array →

A mass arrangement of spring flowers was a prizewinning entry for the Country Gardeners of Northfield at the Garden Club of Illinois Flower Show and Modern Living Exposition, held each year on Navy Pier. The compote, variety of materials, and refreshing color scheme make it right for the "Return to Tradition" class.

Use flowers to reflect a mood

Far Eastern influence in interior design is strongly evident in this exciting Moroccan room. One of twelve interiors seen at the Michigan Flower and Home Show, this one was done by Detroit A.I.D. members Neal Maas and Meredith Coburn.

The vivid coloring and sharp, angular lines of exotic strelitzia flowers are handsomely at home in the setting.

Washable tile is dressed up with original, hand-decorated motifs — one in eating corner, one in kitchen work area. A pleasant change from unadorned walls.

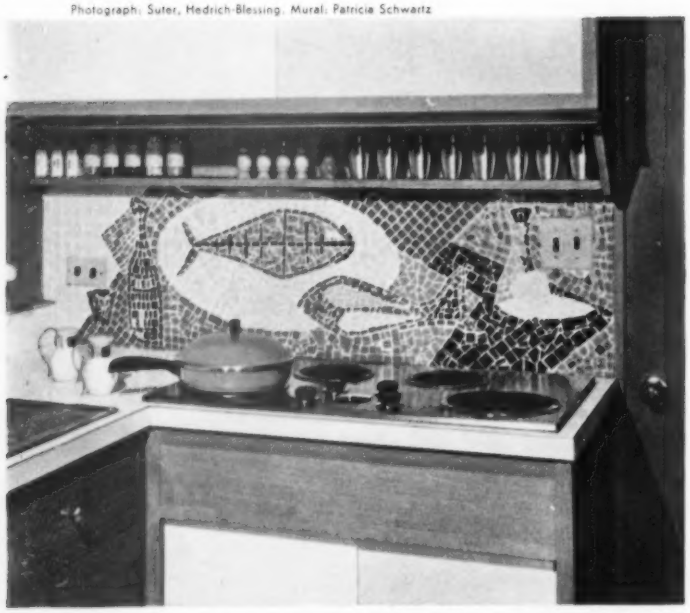
Contemporary treatment of murals fits in with unexpected angle of jutting peninsula.

Tiles on walls are 6x6 inches. Floor boasts durable ceramic mosaics in 1¼-inch squares.

Photographs: Cleveland. Designer: Millard Sheets. Mural: Arthur Ames. Data: Barbara Lenox

Decorate with tile for kitchen style

Photograph: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing. Mural: Patricia Schwartz

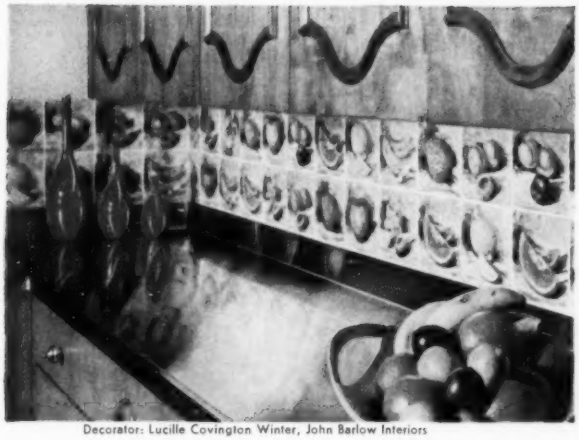


Eyecatching mosaic consists of tiny pieces of unglazed ceramic tiles. To create mural, buy tiles, adhesive mastic, and white cement grout at a hobby shop, hardware store, or art center. (Complete how-to appeared on pages 204, 210 of November *Better Homes & Gardens.*) Or, choose new preassembled panels of tiles to be placed on wall in sections, forming design.

TILE—AN OLD STAND-BY because of its carefree upkeep and durability—has taken on new glamor. Choose from exciting patterns, sizes, a rainbow of colors, and dramatic mural designs. This is a good way to give your kitchen a beauty treatment!

New decorative touches—unique pebble-texture tiles. Plan your own wall design, set in an occasional "jeweled" section. These conversation pieces are 4¼x4¼ inches, have a glaze finish. Background of tile is sprinkled with gold. Blue ceramic tiles, white grout set off pebbled squares.

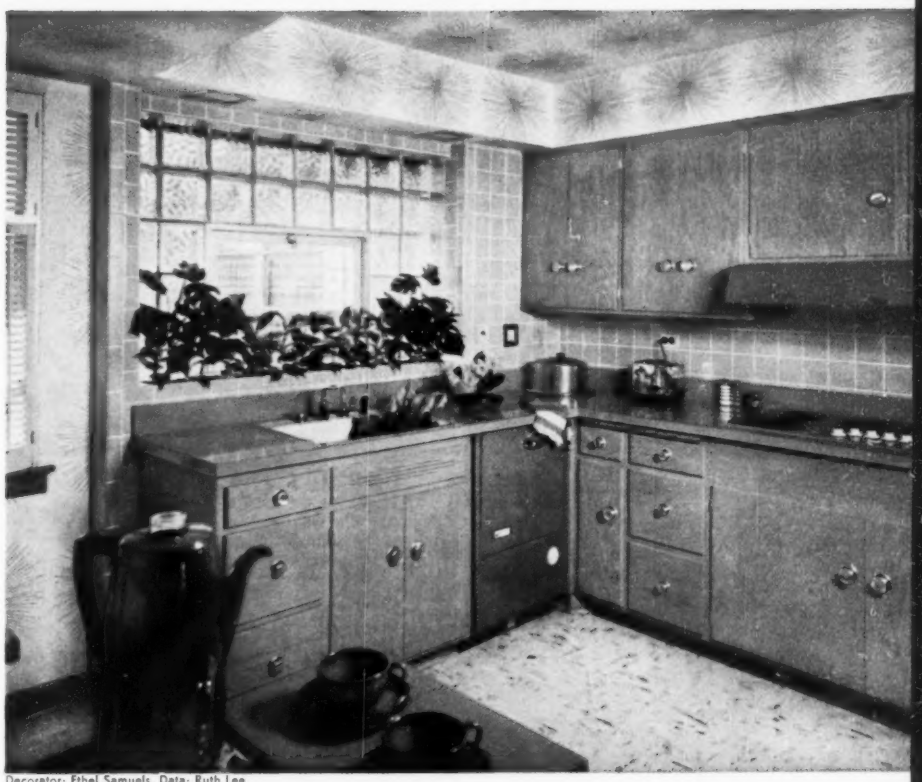
Sid Brawer



Decorator: Lucille Covington Winter, John Barlow Interiors

For a bit of the unusual, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kelce of St. Louis introduced a foreign flavor in their decor with colorful hand-decorated tiles from Italy. What better place for tempting fruit designs than in the kitchen?

Pineapples, bananas, and melons are included in array. Counter is stainless steel, cabinets are fruitwood.



Decorator: Ethel Samuels. Data: Ruth Lee

Talk about practicality combined with smart decorating! Tan tile covers walls behind cooking top and around sink where tough cleaning jobs can pop up. No chore here — wiping with a damp sponge or cloth is all the care needed.

Tile backsplash blends harmoniously with warm wood tones, pumpkin counter; repeats pattern of glass brick squares. Kitchen is in home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilkey, Winnetka, Illinois.

Photographs: Bill Hedrich, Hedrich-Blessing. Designer: Glen Alspaugh Custom Kitchens. Data: Lois Rea

Designer: Bill Stuart

Team up decorated ceramic tiles and matching wallpaper for a stunning effect. Contemporary sweep-line pattern on both tile and papered soffit carries out high-style theme of kitchen.

Vibrant red appliances spark up simple black and white scheme. Striking! Note that plain white tile decks counters and floor, black covers the island pedestal. Color combos are unlimited.

A "top hat" of tile. Ceiling in this fresh-as-sunshine kitchen sports creamy yellow tile. Newsworthy note: Plaid tile goes around soffit! And, of course, backsplash is also ceramic paneling.

All of these uses add to the lasting beauty, warmth, and color of the kitchen. And what a boon for cleaning — carefree surfaces! Home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tarantola, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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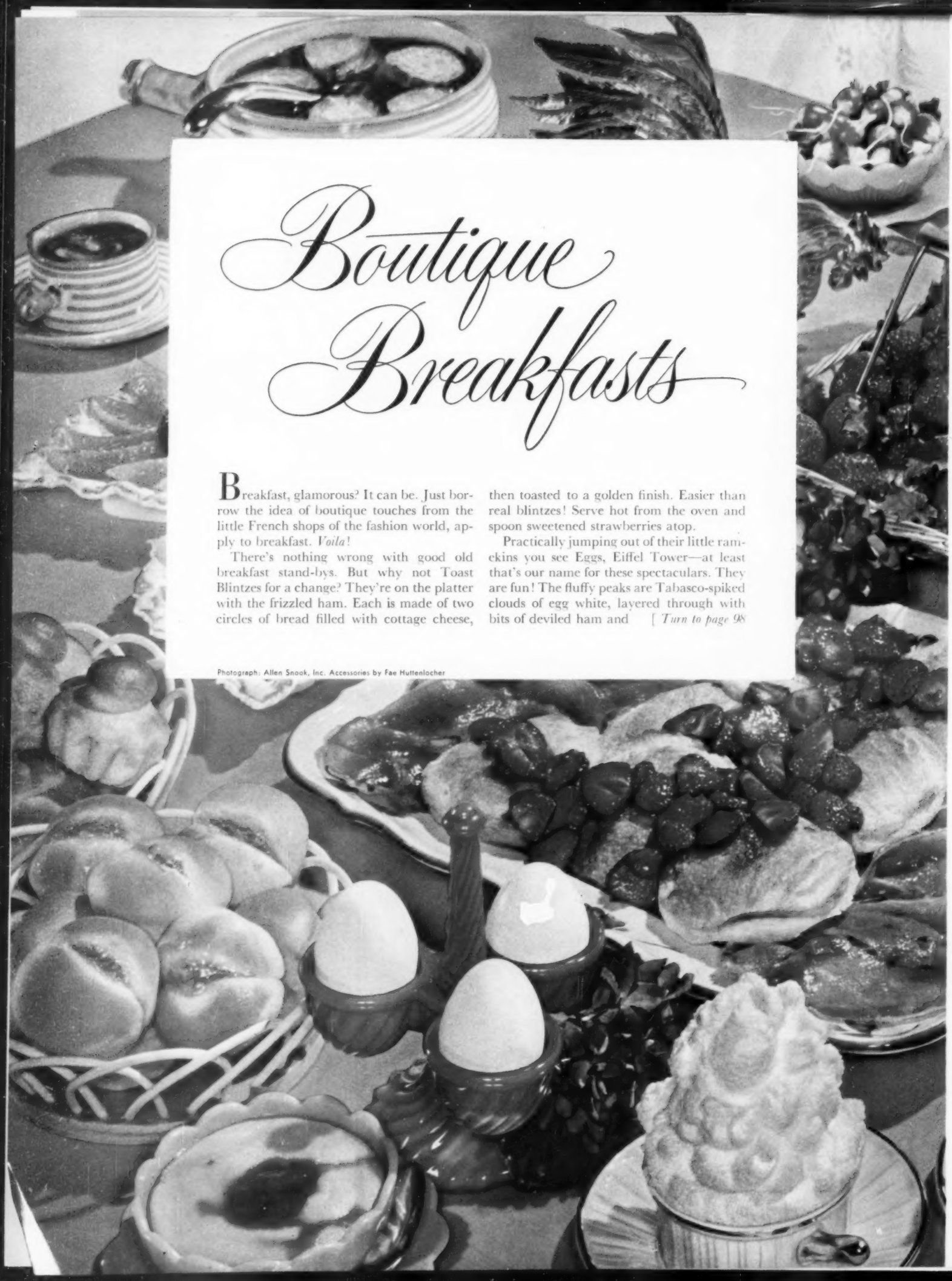

Boutique Breakfasts

Breakfast, glamorous? It can be. Just borrow the idea of boutique touches from the little French shops of the fashion world, apply to breakfast. *Voila!*

There's nothing wrong with good old breakfast stand-bys. But why not Toast Blintzes for a change? They're on the platter with the frizzled ham. Each is made of two circles of bread filled with cottage cheese, then toasted to a golden finish. Easier than real blintzes! Serve hot from the oven and spoon sweetened strawberries atop.

Practically jumping out of their little ramekins you see Eggs, Eiffel Tower—at least that's our name for these spectaculars. They are fun! The fluffy peaks are Tabasco-spiked clouds of egg white, layered through with bits of deviled ham and [*Turn to page 98*

Photograph: Allen Snook, Inc. Accessories by Fae Huttenlocher

Biscuit bonnets for best casseroles

By Myrna Johnston

Hamburger Pie with Onion Biscuits

No ordinary meat pie this! Doughnuts and "holes" (really rich biscuits seasoned with chopped onion and celery seed) make the tasty topper.

"Filling" is ground beef with canned green beans and whole kernel corn in a no-cook, tomato-soup sauce. Speedy! Baking time only 15 minutes.

This is *good*, sturdy family fare. Serve with an easy salad of lettuce wedges, Thousand Island dressing.

Shrimp Pinwheel Casserole

Perfect for that special Lenten buffet—pink shrimp and new peas in tomato-cheese sauce with baked-on pinwheel "lid." The light, tender biscuits are swirled with shredded cheese and pimiento bits.

Toss a crisp green salad, offer olives and fresh relishes—that's all you need to partner your one-dish meal. Dessert: spicy, refreshing Swedish Fruit Soup (in the little ramekins). And plenty of *hot coffee!*

PRIZEWINNERS ALL, these biscuit-topped casseroles. Look them over and notice what jaunty figures biscuits can cut, how gay they look with flecks of pimiento or a spiral of filling. To add style to the "costume" of a casserole luncheon or supper, choose a baking dish handsome enough to travel from oven to company table. And choose from these good recipes to spark up March meals

Dixie Chicken 'n Biscuit—in a hurry

Crusty, golden Pimiento Drop Biscuits perch atop this chicken bake. The wonderful, old-time flavor is there, but you short-cut the cooking. For the sauce, heat condensed cream of chicken soup with evaporated milk; add the richness of cheese, the crunch of green pepper and celery.

If you have little casseroles, let them double as salad bowls for lush fruits—orange and grapefruit sections, avocado and strawberries.

Seafood Banquet Pie is that good!

You'll have to try it yourself to find out how truly delicious this is. Flaked salmon or tuna bakes in an onion- and basil-flavored custard, sports a wedge crust of pastry (or could be biscuit crust).

Ladle cool Cucumber Sauce over each oven-hot serving, give it a big squirt of lemon.

Photographs: Allen Snook, Inc.

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How to shop the meat counter

Photographs: Allen Snook, Inc.

Veal is very young beef. That's why veal has so little fat and why it responds well to the gentle, moist heat of braising. Its delicate flavor has endeared it to French and Italian chefs—they accent veal with tomato or sharp cheese or savory herbs to create a "specialty of the house."

For your own specialty, how about barbecuing breast of veal? That's the cut you see above. If meat is not boned and cubed, ask meatman to do it.

Breast of veal, cubed...

barbecue sauce adds color and flavor zing

Brown the cubes of veal on all sides—slowly, but thoroughly. Meanwhile combine ingredients for the sauce—chopped celery and onion slices, catsup and tomato sauce, brown sugar and seasonings; pour over meat.

Cover skillet and simmer the veal in the sauce for 2 hours or till fork-tender and delicious.

Say the word "veal" and most people think of cutlets. But there are just as tasty cuts that cost less. Take veal shoulder, shown in the picture. You can cut up this meat for city chicken, or in some markets you'll find the cubes of veal shoulder already strung on wooden skewers.

Other veal bargains: drumsticks (ground veal shaped around skewers); rolled shoulder roast; shoulder steaks. Choose firm veal with gray-pink color.

Boneless veal shoulder...

or buy as city chicken—cubes on skewers

Here we're rolling the skewers of veal in mixture of cracker crumbs and crushed corn flakes. (To make crumb jacket stay on, meat was first dipped in beaten egg.)

Brown the crumb-coated veal in a little hot fat, add bouillon, and cook tender at a slow bubble. The flavorful gravy makes itself—crumbs are the thickening.

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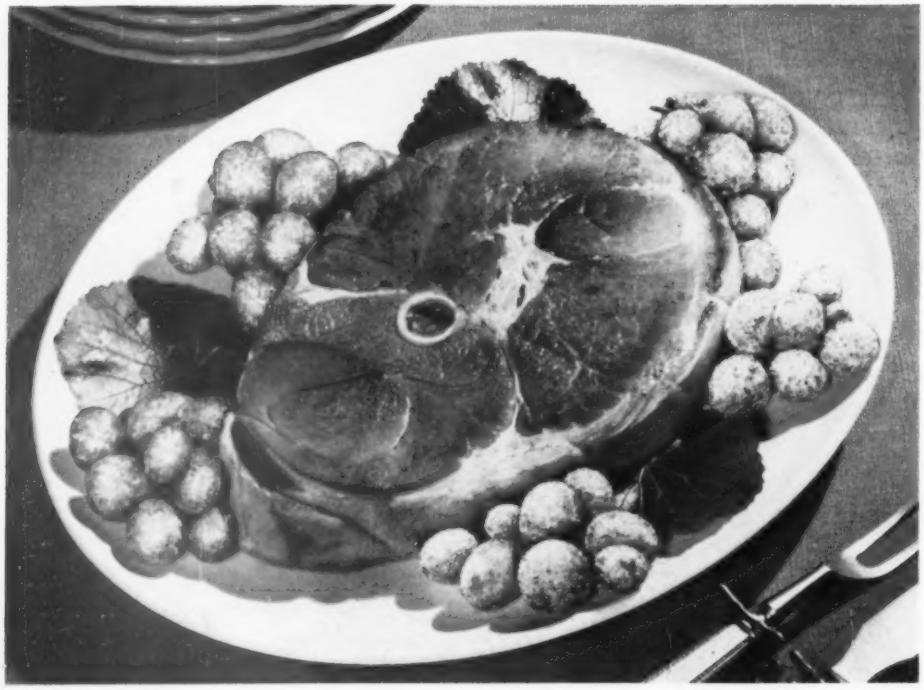
Barbecued Veal With Rice • broccoli hollandaise • French bread

Next month: lamb specials

City Chicken • gravy • spiced apricots • radishes • pickles • olives



"Crystal" look. Frosted grapes spark up a meat platter or a lush fruit salad or dessert for a buffet table.

Here's all there is to it: Brush clusters of grapes in slightly beaten egg white (or use fruit juice). Place on rack to drain a bit. Then sprinkle grapes with granulated sugar. Let dry before arranging.

Sweet tricks with sugar

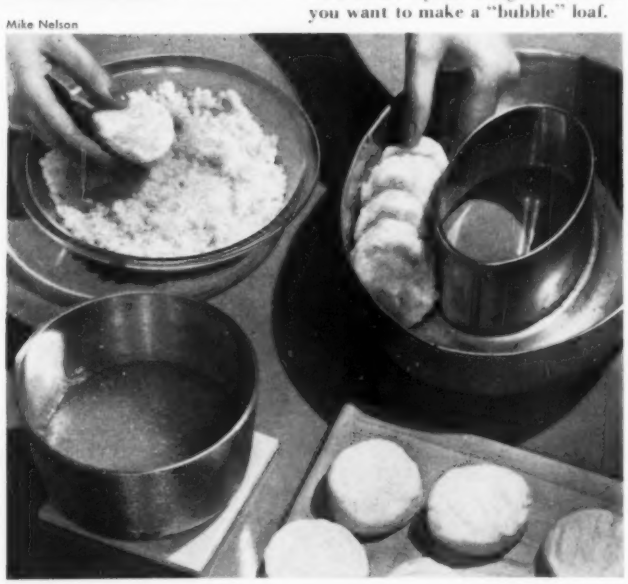
Don't overlook the merits of the sugar jar for fast trims, flavor accent. Here's a whole sugar bag of tricks!

Sweet coat before baking. Here we're making a Hurry-up Coffeecake of packaged refrigerated biscuits. Dip them in melted butter, then in mixture of sugar and grated orange peel.

Overlap biscuits in a greased ring mold; bake in hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. Invert coffeecake onto warm plate and serve pronto.

You can use this sweet-coat trick with balls of yeast dough, too, when you want to make a "bubble" loaf.

Mike Nelson



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A toss in sugar 'n spice after baking. Soon as you take muffins from the oven, dunk tops in melted butter. Now shake hot muffins in sack containing mixture of ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. A yummy bow to the sweet tooth! Ditto for hot-from-fryer doughnuts, but omit butter.

Icing Glaze, and fast as skat! To dress up a date-nut loaf or hot rolls, stir 2 tablespoons hot milk or water and 1 teaspoon soft butter into 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar. Drizzle over slightly warm bread.

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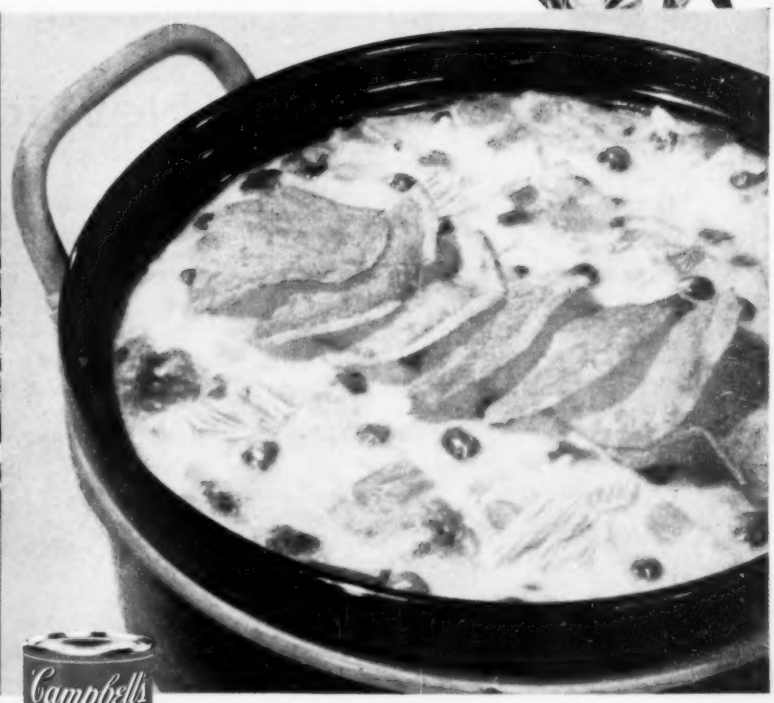
4 Souper ways to serve tuna!

TUNA BURGERS. Here's a *new* kind of burger! Mix 1 7-oz. can drained, flaked tuna, 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, 1 tbsp. each minced green pepper and onion. Fill 6 hamburger buns with mixture; brush buns with butter. Bake on cookie sheet in hot oven (400° F.) about 10 minutes. 6 servings.



PERFECT TUNA CASSEROLE. A never-fail meal, all in *one* dish! In a 1-qt. casserole, combine 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup, ½ cup milk, 7-oz. can drained, flaked tuna, 1 cup drained, cooked peas, 1 cup crushed potato chips. Garnish with potato chips. Bake at 375° F. about 25 minutes. 4 servings.

TUNA LOAF. Any way you slice it, this is soup-erb! Combine 2 7-oz. cans drained, flaked tuna, 1½ cups fine bread crumbs, 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup, 2 lightly beaten eggs, 2 tbsp. minced onion. Pack lightly in greased loaf pan; bake at 350° F. about 1 hr. Serve with Quick Cream Sauce (blend 1 can Cream of Celery Soup, ⅓ cup milk; heat). 6 servings.

TUNA SHORTCAKE. Creamy and tasty—and ready in minutes! In a saucepan, blend together 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, ½ cup milk, one 7-ounce can drained, flaked tuna, 1 cup drained, cooked peas, 2 sliced, hard-cooked eggs and 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento; heat. Serve over hot, split and buttered biscuits—or pour on slices of toast. 4 servings.

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Second breakfast — Hot Buttered Cake! Use 1 extra egg yolk in Betty Crocker Honey Spice Cake Mix batter. Bake in two 8½x4½x2¾" loaf pans 35 to 45 min. at 350°. Serve hot with butter and jelly. Mmm!

Afternoon coffee break—Upside-Downies! Follow cupcake directions on Yellow Cake Mix pkg. Place ½ tsp. butter, 1 tsp. brown sugar (packed), and 1 peach half in each of 14 custard cups before adding batter.

Teatime treat—Loaf Cake Sandwiches! Use Betty Crocker Marble Cake. Bake batter in two 8½x4½x2¾" loaf pans 35 to 45 min. at 350°. Put slices together with Betty Crocker Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix. Cut in party shapes.

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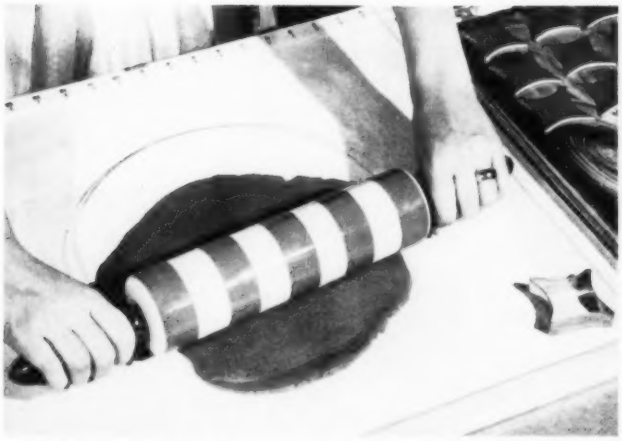

Cooky roll-out tip. For sugar cookies or gingersnaps, roll dough on a pastry cloth or board lightly sprinkled with mixture of ¼ cup sugar to ½ cup flour. Use this mixture on rolling pin, too—the sugar helps keep the dough from sticking, gives cookies a sparkle.

Caramel trim. Melt ½ cup sugar in a heavy skillet over low heat, stirring all the time. Soon as the syrup turns a pretty golden brown, remove from heat. Immediately drizzle syrup over baked custards to make a freehand design. The syrup will harden into crackly candy.

Sparkle and crunch. Before baking an apple or cherry pie, brush top crust with light cream and scatter sugar over. Give same gleam to cobbler, bread pudding with sprinkle of sugar before trip to oven.

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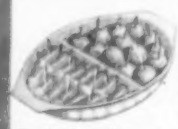

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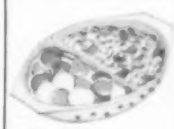

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Sweet tricks with sugar

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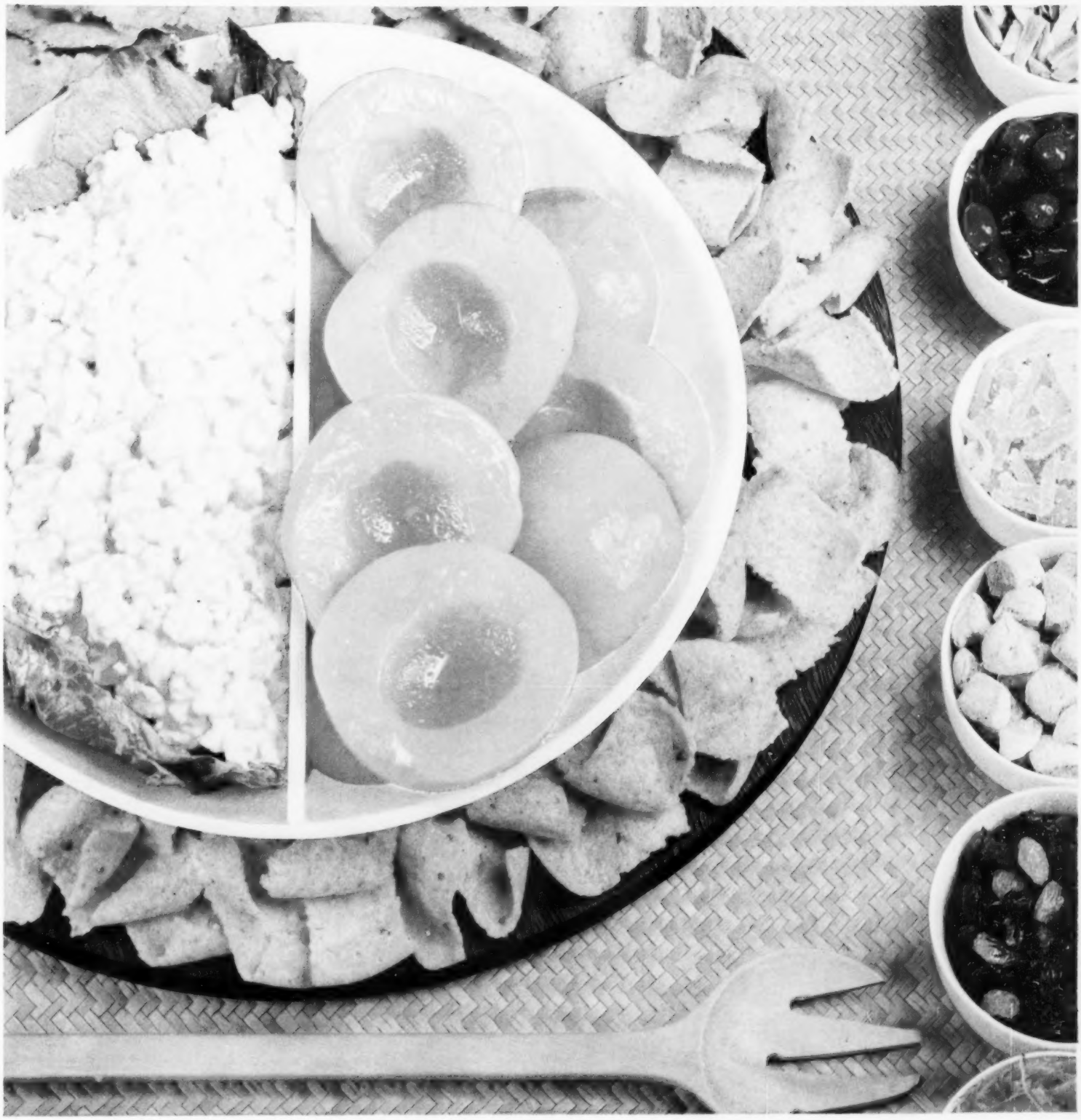
Jig-time Tarts: Trim crusts from thin slices bread. Spread both sides with butter: sprinkle with sugar. Fit into muffin pans. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 15 minutes. Remove from pans while hot: cool. Fill with drained chilled fruit cocktail, whipped cream.

Tinted sugar. For kids' party, top cookies with colored sugar before baking. To sugar-coat marshmallows (big or tiny), dip in light cream: sprinkle with colored sugar. To tint sugar, put in bowl, add few drops food coloring, rub with fingertips. Or put in jar, shake.

A dash for right-from-the-garden flavor. When cooking fresh or frozen peas, add a bit of sugar to the salted water. (Use about ¼ teaspoon sugar to 1 cup peas.) Try with corn, too. To mellow the tang of scalloped tomatoes, again call on your sugar jar for a few grains.



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Tennessee Jam Cake

Cream ½ cup Kraft DeLuxe Margarine. Gradually add 1 cup packed light brown sugar, creaming until light and fluffy. Add 3 egg yolks and mix well. Sift together 2 cups sifted cake flour, ½ teaspoon soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon cloves and ½ teaspoon cinnamon, and add alternately with 1 cup Kraft Pure Seedless Black Raspberry Preserves and ⅓ cup buttermilk, which have been combined. Fold in 3 stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into 2 waxed paper lined 9-inch layer pans. Bake in a moderate oven, 375°, for 30 to 35 minutes. Frost with Caramel Frosting.

Caramel Frosting. Cream ¼ cup Kraft DeLuxe Margarine. Slowly add ⅔ cup cooled Kraft Caramel Sauce. Gradually add 5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar and stir until well blended.

Kraft Caramel Sauce. Place ½ pound Kraft Caramels (28 caramels) and ½ cup water or milk in top of double boiler. Heat, stirring frequently, until caramels are melted and sauce is smooth. Makes 1 cup sauce.

Jelly Omelet

To 6 beaten egg yolks, add 2 tablespoons hot water and ¾ teaspoon salt, then fold into 6 stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour mixture into well-greased 10-inch skillet. Cook over low heat until the bottom begins to brown, then place in a slow oven, 325°, until top is firm. Crease in the middle, spread Kraft Pure Strawberry Jelly on half, fold other half over it, and place on a platter. Serve at once.

Jewel Bread Pudding

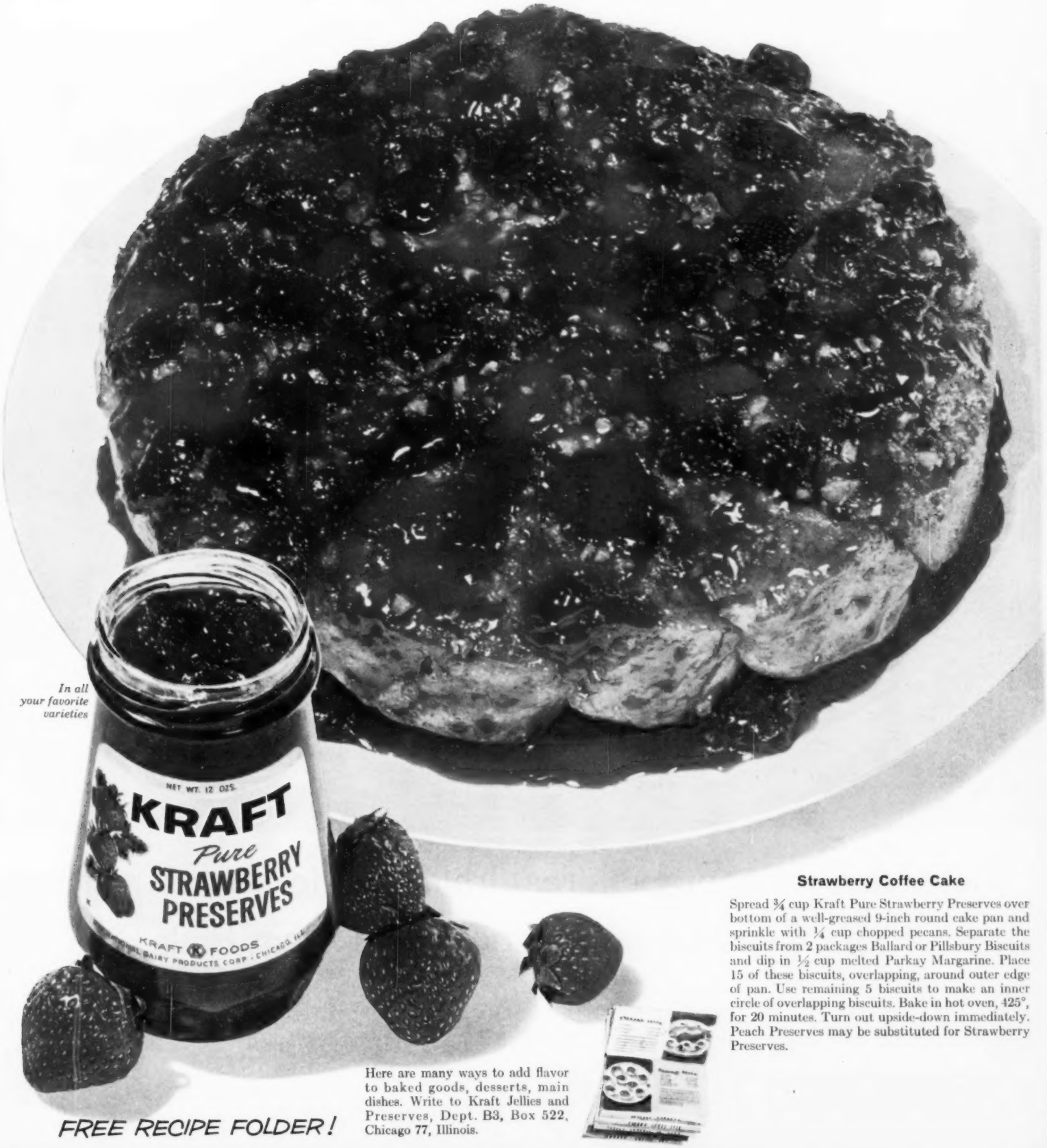
Place 3 cups day-old bread cubes in a greased 1-quart casserole. Combine 3 slightly beaten eggs, ⅓ cup sugar, dash of salt and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Gradually blend in 2 cups scalded milk. Pour over the bread cubes.

Set casserole in a pan of hot water and bake in slow oven, 325°, 1 hour, or until a knife inserted halfway between center and outside edge comes out clean. Top baked pudding with spoonfuls of Kraft Pure Grape Jelly. Serve hot or cold.

3-D Triangle Sandwiches

For each sandwich, spread one slice of whole wheat bread, crusts trimmed, with Kraft Pure Elderberry Jelly. Cover with a second slice of bread spread with Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese. Cut diagonally into quarters and place, points up, on a plate.

favorite foods with and Preserves!



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Strawberry Coffee Cake

Spread ¾ cup Kraft Pure Strawberry Preserves over bottom of a well-greased 9-inch round cake pan and sprinkle with ¼ cup chopped pecans. Separate the biscuits from 2 packages Ballard or Pillsbury Biscuits and dip in ½ cup melted Parkay Margarine. Place 15 of these biscuits, overlapping, around outer edge of pan. Use remaining 5 biscuits to make an inner circle of overlapping biscuits. Bake in hot oven, 425°, for 20 minutes. Turn out upside-down immediately. Peach Preserves may be substituted for Strawberry Preserves.

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City Chicken

This moist, tender "chicken" boasts a hint of poultry seasoning. Good electric-skillet special—

2 pounds boneless veal shoulder, cut in 1½-inch cubes
• • •
½ cup *fine* cracker crumbs
½ cup *finely* crushed corn flakes
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon paprika
¾ teaspoon poultry seasoning or thyme
½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
Dash pepper
• • •
1 slightly beaten egg
2 tablespoons milk
• • •
2 to 3 tablespoons fat
1 chicken bouillon cube
¾ cup hot water

Push cubes of veal onto 6 skewers. Combine cracker and corn-flake crumbs and seasonings. Combine egg and milk. Dip meat in egg mixture, then in seasoned crumbs. Brown slowly on all sides in hot fat in skillet. Dissolve bouillon cube in hot water and add to meat. Cover tightly; simmer* about 1 hour or till tender. Serve meat liquid as gravy. Makes 6 servings.

*Or cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour or till tender.

Barbecued Veal With Rice

Tomato-y, almost-sweet sauce accents the veal flavor. Men will like!—

3 pounds boneless breast of veal, cut in 2-inch cubes
2 tablespoons fat
• • •
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
½ cup catsup
½ cup water
1 medium onion, sliced
½ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
• • •
Hot cooked rice

Brown veal slowly on all sides in hot fat; season with salt and pepper. Combine remaining ingredients except rice, and pour over meat. Cover and simmer* (don't boil) till tender, about 2 hours, removing cover last 20 minutes. Spoon off excess fat. Mound rice in center of platter; circle with the meat; ladle the sauce over meat and rice. Makes 6 servings.

*Or cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 2 hours or till tender.

Roast Stuffed Breast of Veal

The stuffing is a surprise of sausage and apple—

8 ounces (1 cup) bulk pork sausage
1 cup chopped tart apple
2 tablespoons chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
¾ cup hot water
1 cup soft medium bread crumbs
1 cup medium cracker crumbs
• • •
1 veal breast (about 3 pounds), boned
Bacon slices

Fry sausage lightly; do not drain. Add next 7 ingredients and mix for stuffing. Sprinkle inside surface of veal with salt. Top half the veal with stuffing. Fold other half over stuffing and fasten together with metal skewers. Place on rack in shallow roasting pan; lay bacon slices on top to cover veal. Do not cover pan or add water. Roast in slow oven (325°) about 3 hours or till well done—no pink. Makes 6 servings.

Veal Stew With Dumplings

Old-fashioned good eating—

1 pound veal stew meat, cut in 1-inch cubes
3 tablespoons fat
2¼ cups hot water
• • •
½ cup diced potatoes
½ cup diced carrots
¼ cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped onion
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¾ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
• • •
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
½ cup fresh, frozen, or canned peas

Roll meat in flour; brown slowly in hot fat. Add hot water; cover and simmer (don't boil) 1 hour. Add potatoes, carrots, celery, onion, bay leaf, and seasonings; continue cooking 15 to 20 minutes or till meat and vegetables are tender. Add tomato sauce and peas; bring to boiling; drop Dumplings from tablespoon atop bubbling stew. Cover tightly. Reduce heat (don't lift cover) and simmer 12 to 15 minutes longer. Makes 4 to 5 servings. *Dumplings:* Sift together 1 cup sifted enriched flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, and ¾ teaspoon salt. Combine ½ cup milk and 2 tablespoons salad oil or melted shortening; add to dry ingredients, stirring just till flour is moistened.

Hungarian Veal Balls

You serve them with noodles and a creamy mushroom gravy—

1 pound ground veal
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
¼ cup milk
1 beaten egg
½ cup fine, dry bread crumbs
• • •
¼ cup fat
1 teaspoon kitchen bouquet
• • •
1 to 1½ cups dairy sour cream
1½ tablespoons enriched flour
1 3-ounce can (⅔ cup) sliced broiled mushrooms
• • •
1 6-ounce package broad noodles
2 tablespoons poppy seed

Combine veal, garlic, parsley, seasonings, milk, egg, and crumbs.

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Boutique breakfasts

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8 French Onion Soup
9 French red-and-white breakfast radishes

shredded cheese—the sunny yolks bake in the center. In bottom of each ramekin is a crunchy rusk spread with deviled ham. Remember these Towers for a dressy spring brunch.

In France, everyone buys **Croissants (3)** at a *patisserie*. But you can make them at home—our recipe gives all the pointers. These crescent-shaped rolls are unbelievably light and flaky—really a puff pastry raised with yeast. Serve with dainty butter balls and currant jelly or Bar-le-Duc (seeded currant preserves).

For **Parisian Chocolate (4)** you fix a whipped-cream and chocolate "batter," keep it on call in the refrigerator. At breakfast time, help yourself to a heaping tablespoonful, fill your cup with hot milk, add a dollop of whipped cream.

Pink Cereal Bowl (5) is just the ticket to cajole a child's appetite. This surprise for the breakfast tray is sheer whimsey, of course, but a pretty change for old-fashioned hot farina or cooked rice cereal. Topper is strawberry jam.

Marmalade Brown-and-Serves (6) in the basket next to the high-waisted egg-cup comport are made in a trice from the very American brown-and-serve rolls. The topknot rolls are **Brioche,** so feathery light they almost have wings. This French favorite is no quickie, but worth every minute it takes.

Perhaps they don't serve **Breakfast Salad (7)** in France, but they'll wish they did—it's that refreshing! Juicy orange sections in a sunburst around plump, chilled purple plums from a can, a sprinkle of confectioners' sugar over all.

Soup for breakfast? The French have enjoyed it for years, especially **Onion Soup (8)** with husky slices of bread afloat. In lieu of the traditional soup pot bubbling on the stove, zip open a can of condensed onion soup or an envelope of the dry soup mix.

One more "boutique touch" to add interest to a morning meal—**French breakfast radishes (9)** for appetizer or accompaniment. You hold radish by its leafy top, put a dab of butter on it—then crunch. *Bon*! Now for the recipes.

Marmalade Brown-and-Serves

These easy rolls make humdrum breakfasts obsolete—

1 teaspoon melted butter or margarine
6 brown-and-serve dinner rolls
6 teaspoons marmalade

Brush butter over tops of rolls. Make a lengthwise cut in the top of each. Insert 1 teaspoon marmalade in each cut. Bake in greased shallow pan in hot oven (400°) 10 to 12 minutes or till browned. Serve warm with butter balls.

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TUNA PIZZA

Heat oven to 450 (extremely hot).

1. Mix ½ **cup PET Evaporated Milk, ¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese** and ½ **teasp. Onion Salt.** Let stand to thicken.

2. Arrange **1 can Ballard OvenReady® Biscuits*** close together in center of ungreased cooky pan. With fingers press biscuits together to close spaces. Then press into one big, thin biscuit 12 in. across. Bake near center of oven 5 min. Take from oven, loosen with pancake turner, but leave on pan.

3. Spread cheese mixture almost to edge of biscuit; cover with ½ **cup Catsup** or **Chili Sauce,** then with a **7-oz. can Tuna,** drained and broken into pieces. Sprinkle with ½ **teasp. Oregano.** Return to oven for 7 min. or until crust is golden brown. Serve hot.

Variations: In place of tuna, try canned shrimp, sardines, anchovies or mushrooms; or . . . ¼ lb. cooked sausage or hamburger; strips of salami, thuringer, pepperoni or bologna.

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½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup sugar

4 egg yolks
¼ cup sifted enriched flour
½ cup chopped California walnuts

. . .

1 cup heavy cream, whipped and sweetened

Beat whites with salt and vanilla till soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar. Beat yolks till thick and lemon-colored. Fold yolks into whites; carefully fold in flour and nuts. Line bottom and sides of 15½x10½x1-inch jelly-roll pan with waxed paper. Spread batter evenly in pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 12 minutes or till cake springs back when lightly touched. Cool 5 minutes; loosen sides of cake and turn out onto towel sprinkled with sifted confectioners' sugar. Peel off paper; cool to lukewarm. Starting at narrow end, roll cake and towel together; cool on rack. Unroll; spread with whipped cream. Reroll cake and chill. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Laura M. Getschmann, Bremerton, Washington

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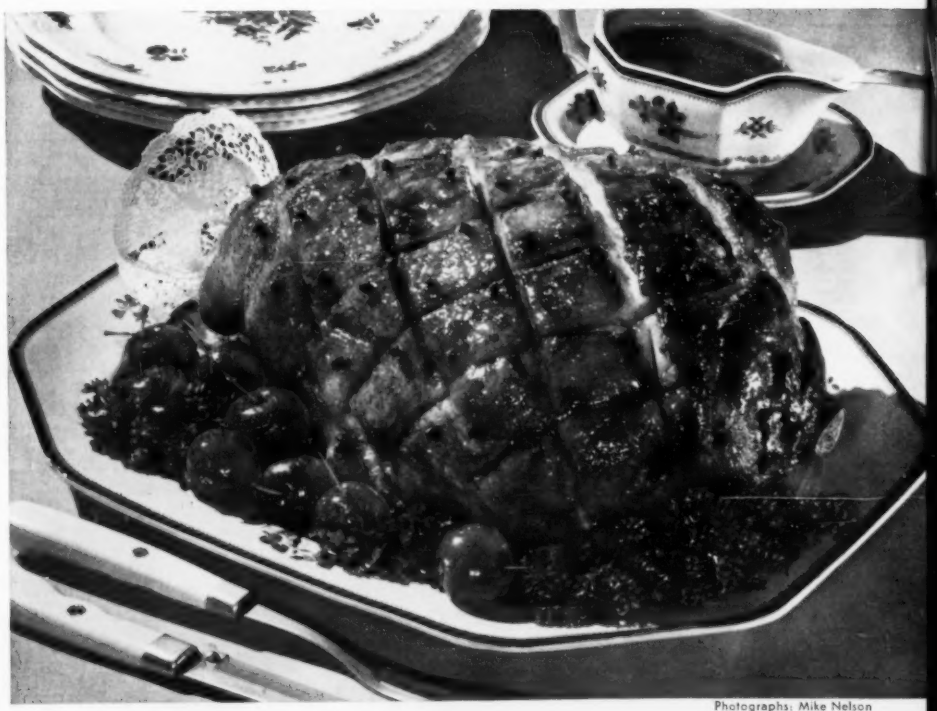

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Ham fix-ups

Baked Ham with Crabapple Glaze

A beautiful red-glazed ham ringed with bright crabapples and parsley—

1 10- to 12-pound uncooked ham
Whole cloves
1 recipe Crabapple Glaze

Place ham, fat side up, on rack in shallow pan; do not cover or add water. Bake in slow oven (325°) 18 to 20 minutes per pound (about 3½ hours or till meat thermometer reads 160°). Half an hour before ham is done, *lightly* score fat in diamonds; then stud with cloves. Spoon *half* of Crabapple Glaze over ham. Continue baking 15 minutes; then spoon on remaining glaze and place crabapples on rack with ham. Bake 15 minutes or till well glazed. Skim off excess fat and serve drippings as gravy. Allow ½ to ¾ pound ham per serving. **Crabapple Glaze:** Drain 1 No. 2½ jar (3½ cups) spiced crabapples, reserving ½ cup syrup. Combine reserved syrup and 1 cup brown sugar; heat and stir.

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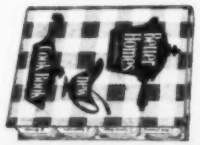

Jelly-glazed Ham Slice

1 1½-inch slice ready-to-eat ham (about 2 pounds)
Whole cloves
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½ cup currant or apple jelly
1 tablespoon vinegar
½ teaspoon dry mustard
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
⅛ teaspoon ground cloves

Slash fat edge of ham at 2-inch intervals. Insert whole cloves in fat. Place slice in shallow baking dish and bake in slow oven (325°) 30 minutes. Meanwhile make **Jelly Glaze:** Heat jelly over low heat, stirring till smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Remove ham from oven. Spoon *half* the glaze over ham and return to oven; bake 10 minutes. Spoon on remaining glaze; bake 10 minutes longer or till well glazed. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Leonard J. Crowley, Reseda, California

Favorite Sauces for Ham

Apricot-Cranberry Sparkle

½ cup apricot jam
1 cup canned whole cranberry sauce

Combine jam and cranberry sauce. Heat, stirring frequently. Serve hot or cold.

Mrs. Al Boyd, Cascade, Colorado

Golden Mustard Sauce

Cook 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion in 2 tablespoons hot fat till tender but not brown. Stir in 1 tablespoon enriched flour; gradually add ¾ cup milk. Cook, stirring constantly, till mixture thickens. Add 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, 1 teaspoon salt, and dash pepper. Stir small amount of hot mixture into 1 beaten egg; then add to remaining hot mixture. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Makes 1⅓ cups.

Mrs. Ray Johnston, Miami, Florida

Ham Patties with Sour Cream

Leftover ham makes a glamorous return—

2 cups ground cooked ham
½ cup soft bread crumbs
¼ cup chopped green onion
⅓ cup milk
1 slightly beaten egg
Dash pepper
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1 cup dairy sour cream

Combine all ingredients except sour cream. Shape mixture in 6 small or 4 large patties. Brown slowly on both sides in a small amount of hot fat. Heat sour cream just until hot and serve with patties. Trim with chopped green onion tops or chives. Makes 3 or 4 servings.

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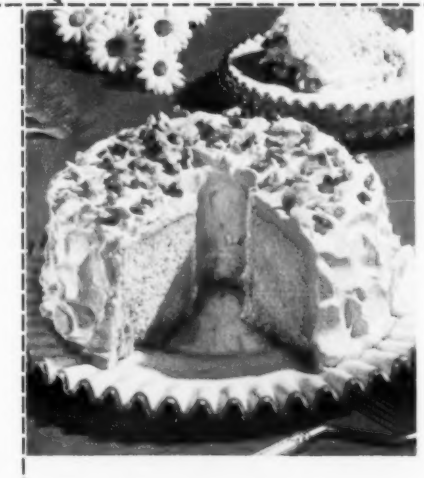

Java Angel Cake

1 package angel-cake mix
1 tablespoon instant coffee
1 teaspoon vanilla
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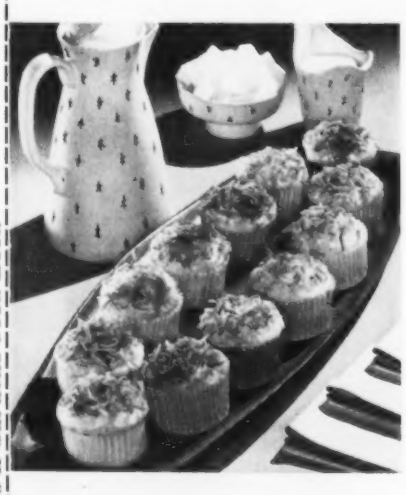
1 recipe Mocha Topping

Prepare batter from cake mix according to package directions, dissolving 1 tablespoon instant coffee in the water. Add vanilla. Bake as directed on package; cool thoroughly. **Mocha Topping:** Combine 1½ cups heavy cream, 3 tablespoons sugar, 2 to 3 teaspoons instant coffee, and ¾ teaspoon vanilla. Whip till fluffy; spread on cake. Top with broken California walnuts. Chill.

Mrs. Hugh S. Davis, Acampo, California



Toasty-coconut Chiffon Cupcakes

2¼ cups sifted cake flour
1 cup sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
⅓ cup salad oil
1 cup milk
1½ teaspoons vanilla
2 egg yolks
2 egg whites
½ cup sugar
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1 3½-ounce can (1¼ cups) flaked coconut

Sift together flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt into mixing bowl; make a well in dry ingredients. Add salad oil, *half* of the milk, and the vanilla; mix to blend. Beat 1 minute at medium speed on mixer, scraping bowl constantly. Add remaining milk and the egg yolks. Beat 1 minute. Beat whites till soft peaks form; gradually add ½ cup sugar and beat till very stiff peaks form; fold into batter. Place paper bake cups in muffin pans; fill ½ full. Sprinkle coconut on tops. Bake in hot oven (400°) 12 to 15 minutes or till done. Makes about 3 dozen.

Mrs. James A. Bradshaw, Fall River, Massachusetts

Orange Sponge Cake

6 egg yolks
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
½ cup orange juice
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1⅓ cups sifted cake flour
6 egg whites
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
½ cup sugar

Beat yolks till thick and lemon-colored. Add peel and juice; continue beating till very thick. Gradually beat in 1 cup sugar and the salt. Carefully fold in flour. Beat whites till foamy; add cream of tartar; beat till soft peaks form. Gradually add ½ cup sugar, beating till stiff peaks form. Thoroughly fold whites into yolk mixture. Bake in *ungreased* 10-inch tube pan in slow oven (325°) 55 minutes or till done. Invert pan and cool. Drizzle with a thin confectioners'-sugar glaze. Top with orange sections.

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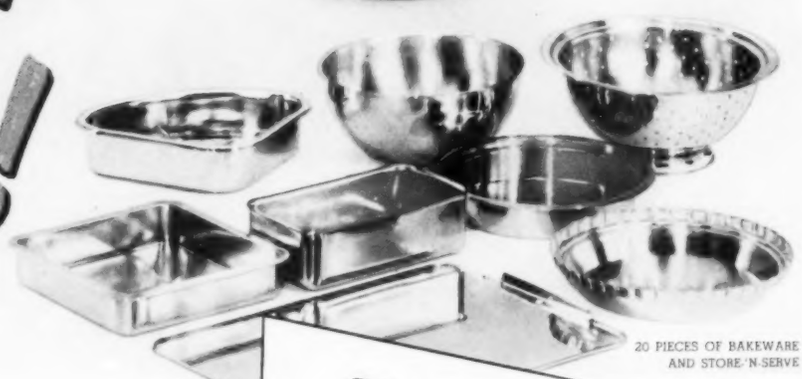

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Boutique breakfasts

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Eggs, Eiffel Tower

A brunch special. Guests will be agog! Give the men the 2-yolk towers—

4 rusks or slices dry toast
Butter or margarine
1 4½-ounce can deviled ham
¾ cup shredded process American cheese

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6 egg whites
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
10 drops Tabasco sauce
Dash salt
1 teaspoon prepared mustard

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6 egg yolks

Cut rusks or toast in rounds to fit in bottom of 4 ramekins*. Butter rusks; spread each with 1 tablespoon deviled ham and place in ramekin; sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon cheese. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar, Tabasco, and salt till soft peaks form; gradually add mustard, beating till stiff peaks form. Place heaping tablespoon of egg-white mixture on top of cheese in each ramekin. Top with egg yolks (place 2 yolks in 2 of the ramekins). Dot layer with bits of deviled ham (about ½ tablespoon on each) and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon cheese. Top with egg-white mixture. Repeat layers of ham, cheese, and egg white, building up to peak of egg-white mixture. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 30 minutes, or till golden and the yolks are of desired doneness. Makes 4 servings.

*Or use four 6-ounce custard cups.

Croissants

Dainty crescent rolls, rich and flaky like puff pastry—

1½ cups butter *or* 1 cup butter and ½ cup margarine
⅛ cup sifted enriched flour

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2 packages active dry yeast *or* 2 cakes compressed yeast
¼ cup water
1 cup milk, scalded
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 beaten egg
3¾ to 4 cups sifted enriched flour

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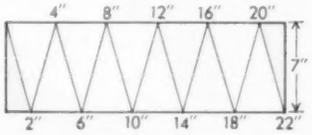
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon milk

Cream butter with ⅓ cup flour. Pat or roll butter mixture between 2 sheets of waxed paper to form a 12x6-inch rectangle. Then chill thoroughly. Soften active dry yeast in *warm* water or compressed yeast in *lukewarm* water. Combine milk, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add softened yeast and egg. Mix well. Add 3¾ cups flour (or enough to make *soft* dough). Knead dough on lightly floured surface until smooth and glossy, about 5 minutes. Roll dough in a 14-inch square on lightly floured surface. Place chilled butter mixture on half the dough. Fold over other half of dough, sealing edges well with heel of hand. Roll on lightly floured surface in a 20x12-inch rectangle. Fold in thirds so that you will have 3 layers. (If butter softens, chill after each rolling.) Roll again into a 20x12-inch rectangle. Repeat the folding and rolling 2 more times. Then fold in thirds to form rectangle about 12x7 inches. Chill ½ hour.

Next cut dough crosswise in fourths. On lightly floured surface, roll each part of dough (keeping remainder in refrigerator) in 22x7-inch rectangle. (Dough will be thin—about ⅛ inch.) Cut into 10 pie-shaped wedges, 4 inches at base and 7 inches long (see the sketch below).



To shape Croissants: Begin with end opposite point (if dough has shrunk back, pull wedge to original size) and roll up loosely, toward point. Place 3 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet with center point down, curving ends to form crescents. Cover and let rise till almost double, about 1 hour. Beat egg yolk with milk; brush on tops of rolls. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 12 to 15 minutes or till lightly browned. Serve warm. Makes 40. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** You can reheat these rolls in roll warmer or *very slow* oven.

Pink Cereal Bowl

Kiddies have delicate appetites in the morning? Intrigue 'em with this!—

Prepare farina or creamy rice cereal according to package directions. Add few drops red food coloring to tint the white cereal a pretty pink. Serve hot topped with strawberry jam or preserves, or currant jelly.

Toast Blintzes

Company coming? You can fix a whole raft of these "blintzes" at one time—

16 slices enriched sandwich bread
3 tablespoons milk
1 cup drained large-curd cream-style cottage cheese
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

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2 cups sweetened sliced strawberries or 2 10-ounce packages frozen strawberries

Cut 3-inch rounds from bread, using a cooky cutter. Brush the top edge of all bread rounds with milk. Place 2 tablespoons cottage cheese in center of each of 8 rounds. Place a plain round, milk-brushed side down, over cheese; press edges to-

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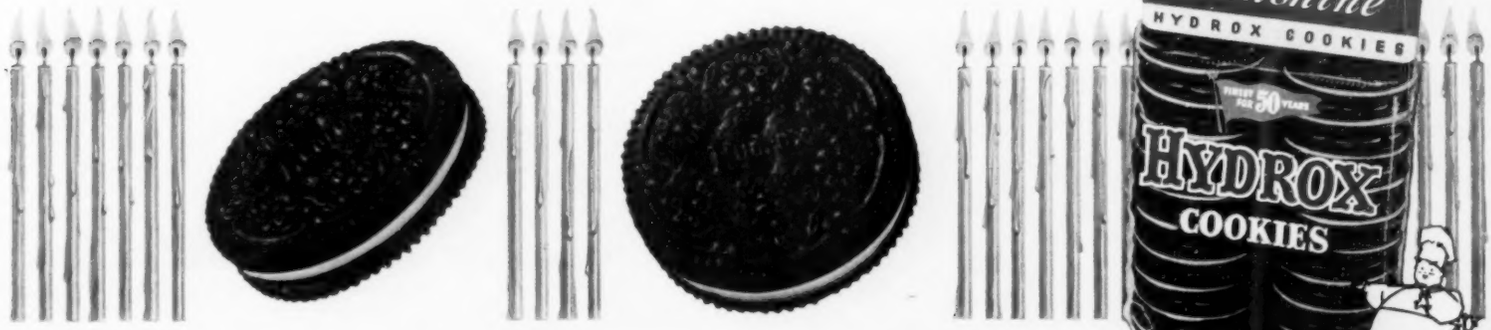

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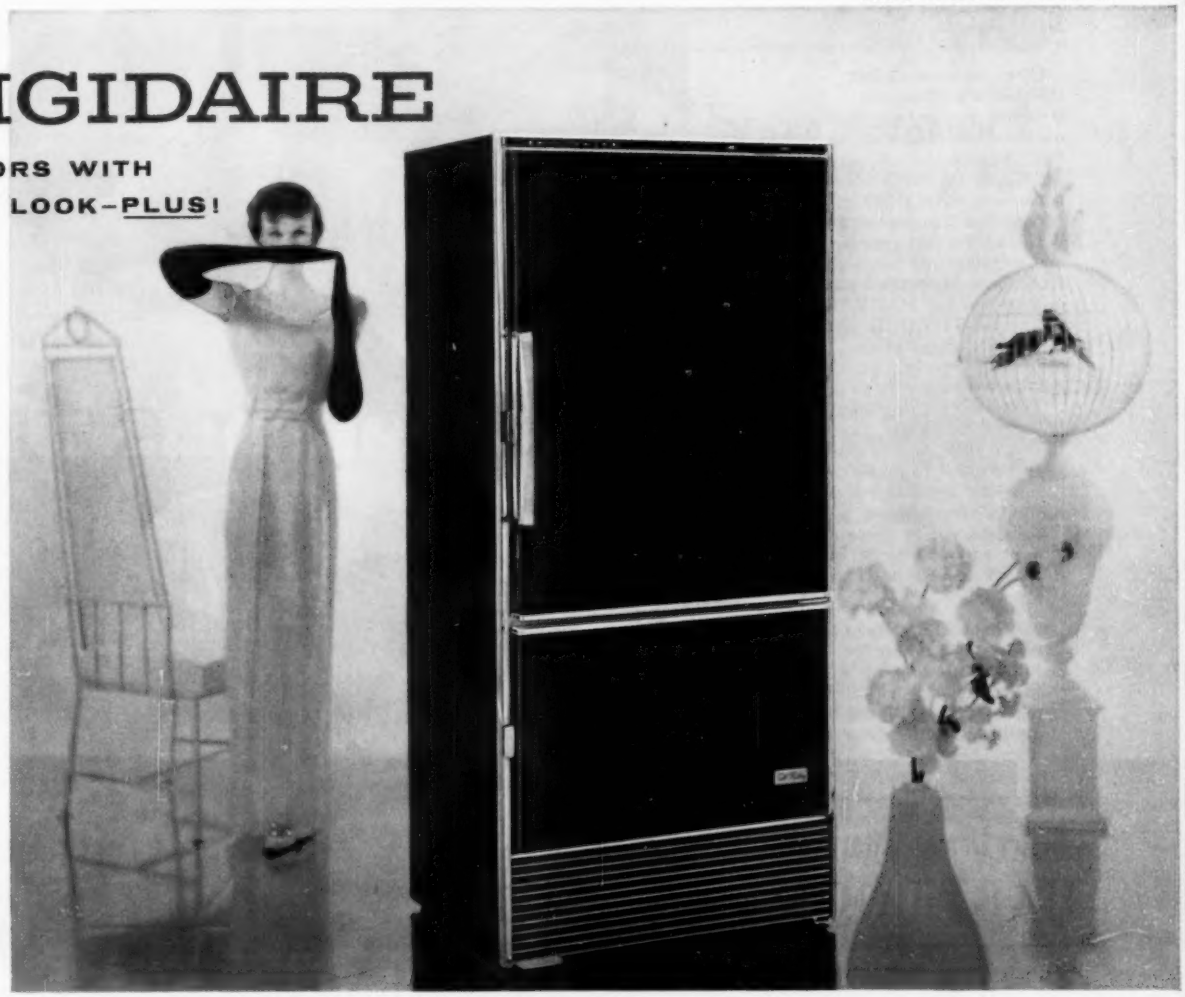

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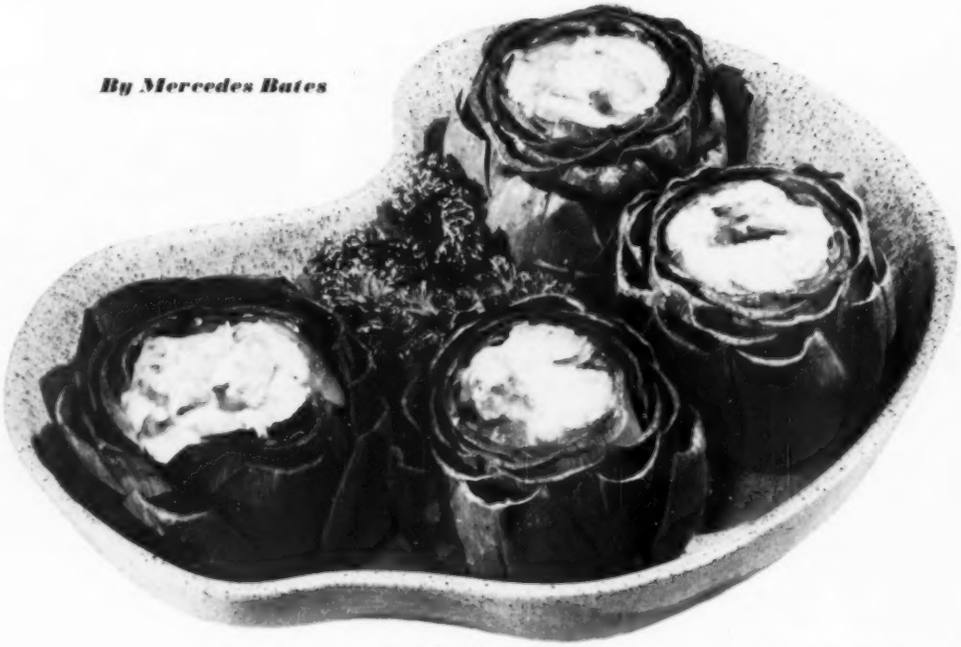
Tempting ways with artichokes

By Mercedes Bates



Artichokes with Crab Stuffing. Cubes of Swiss cheese melt and blend with the goodness of crab meat in the hot salad filling. Drizzle lemon juice over artichoke leaves.

Lemon-butter Sauce makes tangy dunk for artichokes. You can fix it in five minutes!

This is nice for a company meal with hub of fried chicken, steak, baked ham, or roast beef.

(An additional plate for each guest makes handy spot to park the discarded leaf ends.)

Don't miss out on the artichoke! Delicious and fun to eat, it's called French or globe artichoke. Cook this gourmet vegetable whole; if large, cut in half to serve.

Tear off one leaf at a time and dunk it in melted butter or peppy sauce. Of course, you eat only the tender base of the leaf—turn it upside down, bite, and pull.

Most folks like the heart best. Use a fork for eating—first remove the thistly choke hiding it. You can buy hearts separately. They come in cans or frozen packages.

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Chicken Salad in Artichokes. The stuffing is chicken, pimiento, and capers. Green pepper is the crunch.

Dip artichoke leaves in French dressing or mayonnaise spiked with lemon juice. Most artichokes hail from California, but you'll find them in markets from coast to coast.

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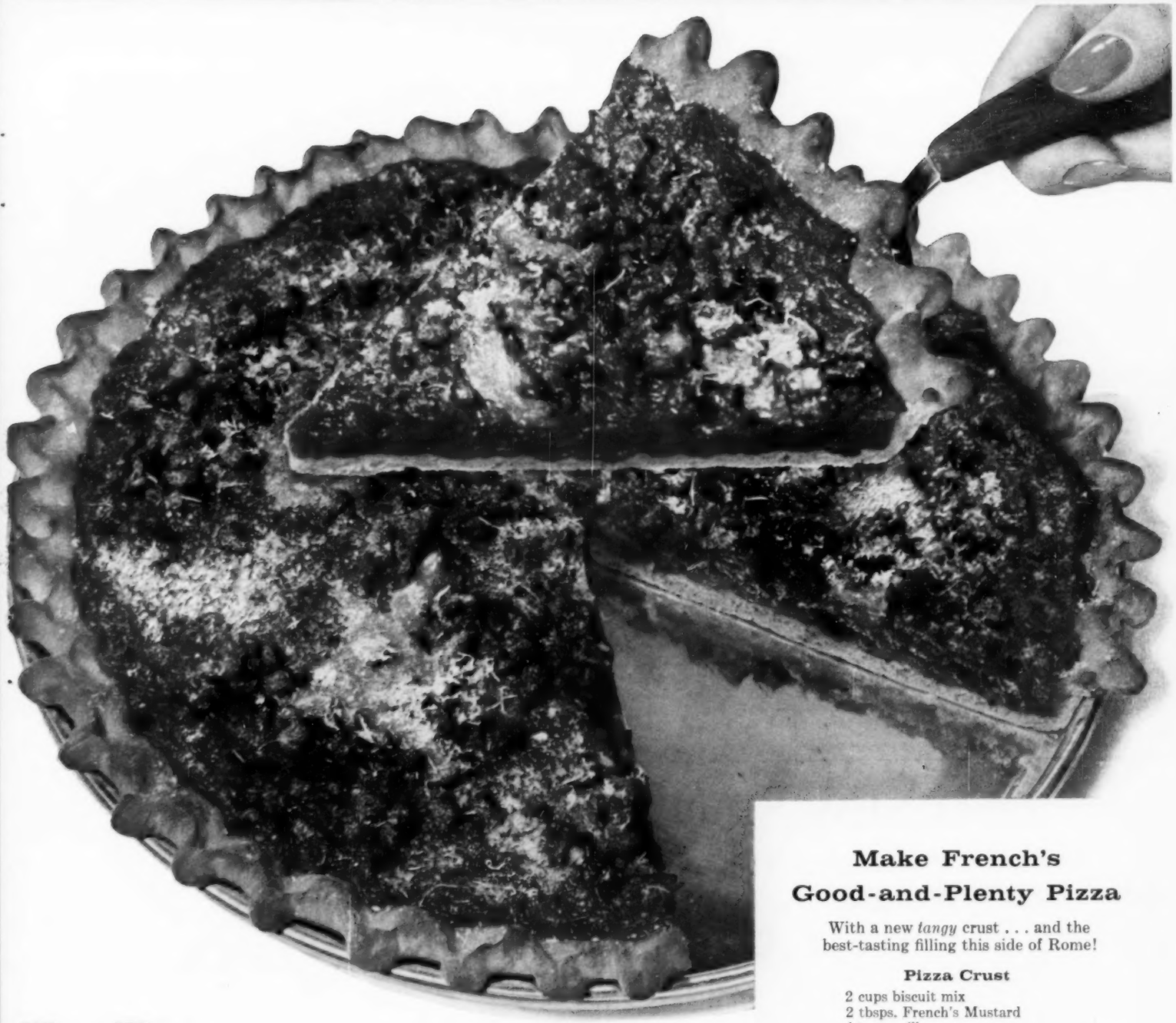

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Pizza Crust

2 cups biscuit mix
2 tbsps. French's Mustard
½ cup milk

Measure mix into a bowl. Stir mustard into milk; blend into mix. Knead 1 minute on board dusted with biscuit mix. Roll to fit 12-inch pizza pan. Prick surface with fork. Bake in hot oven (425°F) 5-7 min. or until set; remove from oven. Reduce heat to moderate (375°F). Prepare filling.

Pizza Filling

2 cans (8-oz.) tomato sauce
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. French's Minced Onion
2 tbsps. French's Mustard
¼ tsp. French's Oregano
1 lb. bulk pork sausage meat, well cooked and well drained
1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
2 tbsps. grated Parmesan cheese

Combine tomato sauce, sugar, onion, mustard, and oregano; bring to a boil; simmer 10 min. Pour into partially baked crust. Sprinkle with half of Cheddar, then sausage, then remaining Cheddar, top with Parmesan. Return to oven; bake 12-15 min. or until cheese melts and crust is deep golden brown. Yield: 6 servings. **Friendly Warning:** Because French's Mustard has a special flavor, texture and color all its own, don't expect best results from this recipe with any other mustard.

Tempting ways with artichokes

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Lemon-butter Sauce

A perfect dip for artichokes; parsley and lemon add gourmet flavor to melted butter. It's nice with asparagus, too—

- ⅓ cup butter or margarine, melted
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Combine ingredients. Heat a minute or two, until flavors blend. Serve as dunk for artichokes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Chicken Salad in Artichokes

Here it is—the ladies'-luncheon special you've been looking for—

- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- ½ cup diced celery
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
- 1 tablespoon capers
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

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- 4 chilled cooked artichokes

Combine ingredients except artichokes; chill. Remove center leaves of each artichoke, leaving a cup. Carefully remove choke. Fill artichokes with chicken salad. Serve with French dressing for dipping the leaves. Makes 4 servings.

How to clean: Give artichokes a shower of cold running water. With sharp knife, cut off about 1 inch from top. Chop off stem even with base or leave about 1 inch.

Pull off any loose leaves around the bottom. With kitchen scissors, snip sharp leaf tips off artichoke. Brush cut edges with lemon juice.

Marinated Artichokes

Artichokes take on the good tang of the marinade; no other sauce needed—

- 4 cups water
- 1 cup vinegar
- ¼ cup olive or salad oil
- 4 cloves garlic, cut in half

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- 5 to 8 artichokes

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- ½ cup salad oil
- ⅓ cup wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Combine water, 1 cup vinegar, olive oil, and 4 cloves garlic; bring to boiling. Add artichokes and cook uncovered 25 to 30 minutes or till you can pull leaf out easily. Lift artichokes from water; drain upside down. Cut in half and trim, removing choke. Place in shallow baking dish; add salad oil, wine vinegar, parsley, and minced garlic. Let stand in refrigerator overnight; spoon marinade over once or twice. Makes 5 to 8 servings.

Artichokes With Crab Stuffing

Leafy cups hold a luscious hot salad—

- 2 6½-ounce cans (2 cups) crab meat, drained
- 1 cup cubed process Swiss cheese
- ⅓ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt

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- ½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned

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- 5 cooked medium artichokes

Break crab meat in chunks; toss with cheese, green pepper, onion, and salt. Blend mayonnaise and lemon juice; add to crab mixture and toss lightly. Remove small center leaves of each artichoke, leaving a cup. Carefully remove choke. Fill artichokes with crab salad; place in large casserole or baking dish. Pour hot water around artichokes to depth of 1 inch. Cover and bake in moderate oven (375°) about 35 minutes or until heated thoroughly. Makes 5 servings.

To cook: Place the artichokes upright in small amount boiling salted water. (One-fourth cup olive oil and 3 or 4 cloves garlic may be added. Or a few lemon slices.)

Cover and simmer artichokes 25 to 30 minutes or till you can pierce stalk easily with fork or pull out a leaf readily.

Remove vegetable with tongs and turn upside down to drain. Cut off any stem still left on.

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- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1⅓ cups (4⅝ ounce box) MINUTE RICE
- 2½ cups Carnation 3-Minute Cheese Sauce
- 1 cup (7-ounce can) tuna, drained and flaked

Bring water, pepper, onion, pimiento and salt to boil in saucepan. Add rice and mix just to moisten all the rice. Cover; remove from heat and let stand about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare Carnation 3-Minute Cheese Sauce (below). Add tuna to sauce. Arrange hot rice mixture in mounds on plates. Serve tuna-cheese sauce over rice. Makes six servings.

CHEESE SAUCE

- 1⅔ cups (large can) undiluted CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK
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- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
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2. Write your entry on a plain piece of paper or on the official Libby Slim-Down Sweepstakes entry blank obtainable at grocery stores. *Attach a label from any size can of Libby's Tomato Juice to each entry* and mail to Libby Contest, P.O. Box 1200, Chicago 77, Illinois.

3. Send as many entries as you like. *All entries must be postmarked before midnight, May 31, 1958.*

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6. "Complete Slenderella Course" is defined as: the number of visits to Slenderella required to bring the winner's figure to the proportions required by her proper dress size as determined by the Slenderella figure analysis.

7. Prizes will be awarded to contestants whose entries are considered by the judges most original, unique and apt. There will be duplicate prizes in case of ties. The contest will be judged by R. L. Polk & Company. All entries become the property of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

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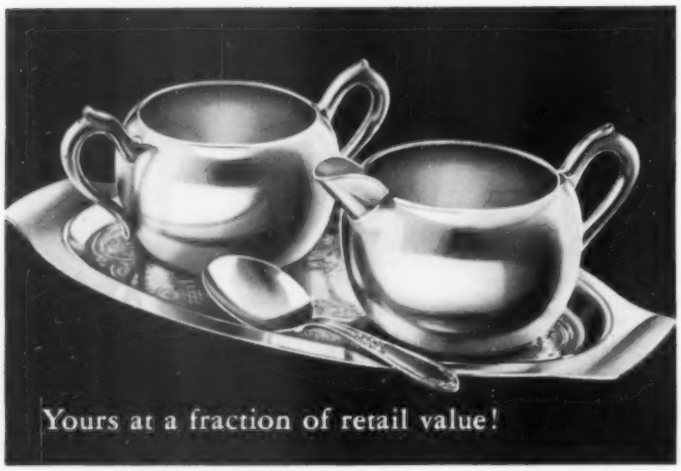

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Money for your recipes

Low-calorie specials; bar cookies.

DO YOU CATER TO a weight-watcher in your family? Or do you cater to cooky-jar raiders? Send us your recipes for low-calorie specials and bar cookies. Two Cooks-of-the-Month will receive $20 each. Nineteen other winners will receive $5 each. Selected winning recipes will be pictured in the Prize Tested Recipes pages next October. The winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and six copies of the endorsed recipe.

Hints to help you

Low-calorie specials. We mean the foods you fix for the calorie conscious: perhaps a gelatin salad or dessert; a fruit-juice or vegetable-juice combination; a low-calorie main dish; a dessert made with instant nonfat dry milk or a noncaloric sweetener. Or how about vegetable fix-ups? Helps:

low-cal salad
fruit dressing
apple fluff
seafood specials
broiled meat fix-ups
lime snow
tomato dressing

Bar cookies. These are the easy-to-make variety—spread in pan and cut in bars, squares, or strips. May be fruity or nutty, filled or frosted. Send us your favorites for lunch boxes or party refreshments. Ideas:

blonde brownies
almond-coconut squares
apricot diamonds
toffee squares
cereal bars
date-nut fingers
peanut strips
applesauce bars
frosted chocolate squares
butterscotch bars

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 101 and 102*)

Cook-of-the-Month for Light and Airy Cakes
Laura M. Getschmann, Bremerton, Wash.

Cook-of-the-Month for Ways with Ham
Mrs. Joseph W. Daigneault, Milwaukee, Wis.

Other Winners

Mrs. Al Boyd, Cascade, Colo.
Mrs. James A. Bradshaw, Fall River, Mass.
Mrs. W. F. Bremer, Toledo, Ohio
Mrs. Leonard J. Crowley, Reseda, Calif.
Mrs. Hugh S. Davis, Acampo, Calif.
Mrs. E. S. Erckenbraek, Adams, Minn.
Mrs. Ray Johnston, Miami, Fla.

Honor Roll

Mrs. Gordon V. Bakke, Madison, Wis.
Mrs. Paul H. Beaudry, South Burlington, Vt.
Hilma Bloomquist, Grand Junction, Iowa
Mrs. David T. Blose, Jr., Portland, Ore.
Mrs. Hugh K. Clifton, Jefferson, Ohio
Mrs. Don Dalrymple, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Sister Mary Ephraim, O.S.F., Bode, Iowa
Gertrude Ketteler, Oshkosh, Nebr.
Mrs. Eleanor A. Lauffer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Helen Moss, Huntington, W. Va.
Mrs. Melba Swanson, Woburn, Mass.
Mrs. A. S. Watts, Fox Lake, Ill.

Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "October Low-calorie Specials" or "October Bar Cookies."
2. Print your full name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons.
4. Specify brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients so we can test your recipe with the same brands.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, March 31. In cases where duplicate recipes are submitted, the one with the earliest postmark will be judged. All judges' decisions will be final.
8. We reserve the right to adjust and edit winning recipes.
9. Address the recipes you enter to 5403 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

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They're called Kraft De Luxe Slices because they have

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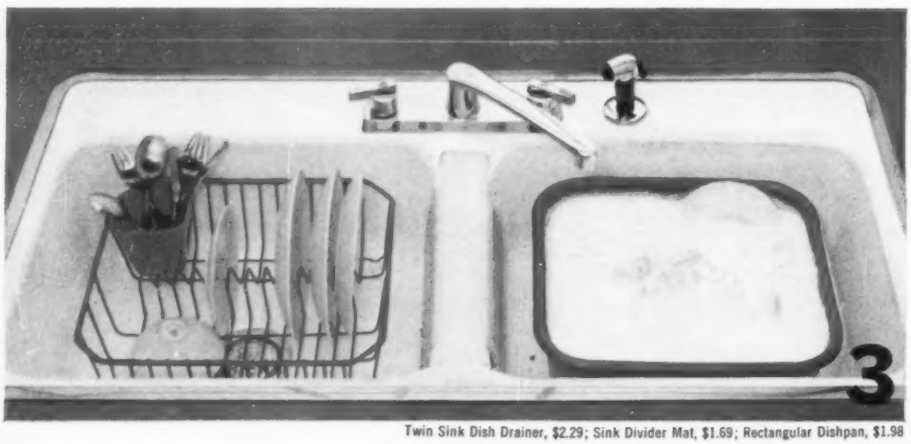
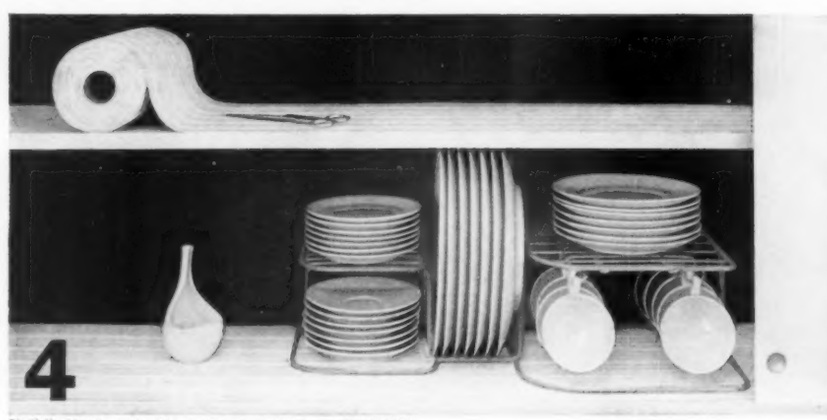


Twin Sink Dish Drainer, $2.29; Sink Divider Mat, $1.69; Rectangular Dishpan, $1.98



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Mixers do all this— and more

News note: Here's one of the portable hand mixers now available with a stand and big 3-quart bowl (photo at right). Sturdy stand holds portable for long mixing, heavy batters. Mixing combo (right) readies cake mix for oven in only 4 minutes. You can forget about counting 600 strokes!

For use at range (above) to whip billowy seven-minute frosting, slip lightweight mixer off stand. Thumb-tip control of speeds, beater ejector add to working ease.

By Ann Fitch

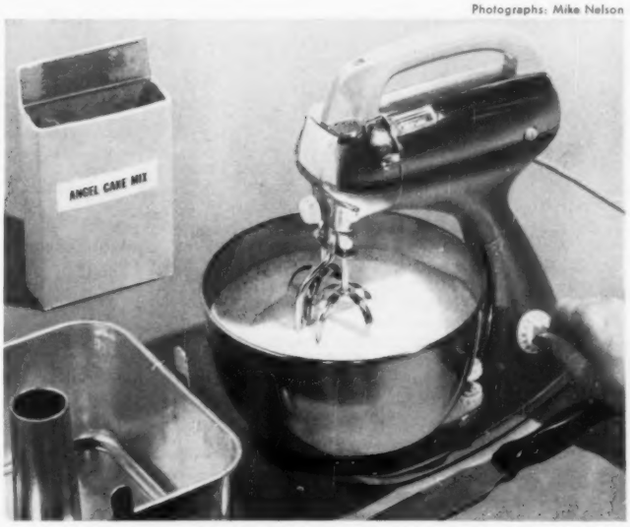
Save yourself—put your mixer to work instead. It handles many kitchen jobs without getting tired. You'll find these timesaving helpers dressed in gay colors, smart styles.

Also consider the "convertibles"—portables that come equipped with stands and large bowls to turn them into stationary, hands-free mixers. Remember, your mixer is just the partner you need to do these tasks, too:

- Whip souffles
- Make sherbet, ice cream
- Mash fruit
- Puree vegetables
- Whip cream
- Make Hollandaise sauce
- Cream butter or cheese
- Combine mayonnaise, salad dressing
- Stir puddings
- Chop nuts in batter
- Juice oranges
- Slice, shred vegetables
- Grind meat

Creamy fudge is a snap to make with the help of a mixer. It takes over the hard work. When cooked mixture has cooled, beat until glossy—with your armsaving mixer, naturally! This less-than-three-pound portable sports a fancy feature: Cord unplugs at base. You can hang mixer on the wall. No fuss with a dangling cord. Mixer comes in yellow, turquoise, pink, or white.

Photographs: Mike Nelson



Seven minutes spent beating egg whites to the right stage for an angel cake can seem like a long time—unless you let your mixer do it. This chrome beauty (available also in white) is equipped with a timer that can be set up to 15 minutes, will chime when time's up. Walk away while heavy-duty mixer goes to work—handy device keeps track for you!

More on next page

Haeger handcrafted LAMPS

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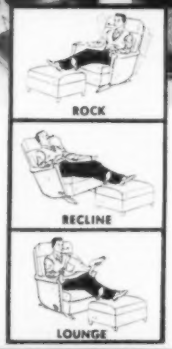
THE MAN IN THE **BERK-LOCK**



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Mixers do all this—and more

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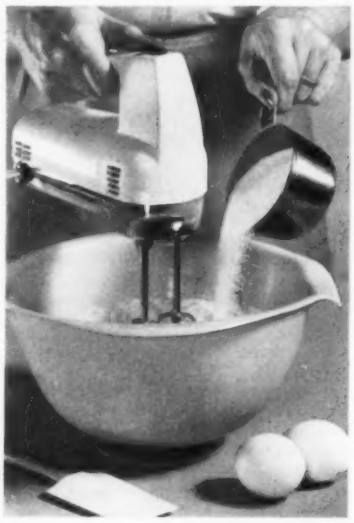
Frosty milkshakes—soda-fountain style. A single-beater drink-blender is the answer. Remove regular double beaters of portable mixer and attach this special stick for whipping. Graduated glass cup is part of the set. Portable also has stand, converts to a stationary mixer.

Grinder attachment with this powerful mixer motor makes short work of leftover ham. Now, it's ready for ham-salad sandwich filling.

Or, you might like to make your own ground beef or meat loaf with this unit.

With other attachments, a mixer can also turn into a slicer-shredder, juicer, or coffee grinder. Check into the possibilities of appliances.



Mixers take right in stride the tiring task of creaming shortening and sugar—give fluffier, melt-in-your-mouth cakes.

Look, no hands needed to hold this bowl! Secret is removable rubber suction cup that grips base of rigid plastic bowl and table.

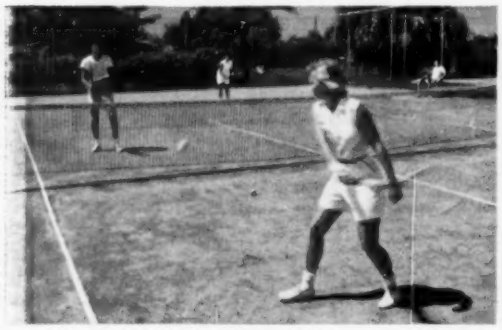
Hands are free to hold mixer, add ingredients. New, separate bowl has right and left pouring lips.

More on page 120

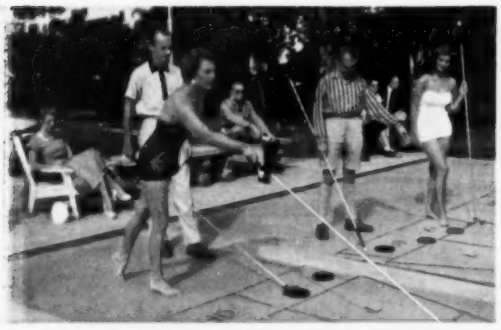
ST. JOHNS REGION—Resorts for family vacations line the wide, tide-packed shores of Northeast Florida. Most offer accommodations to fit any size budget.

INDIAN RIVER REGION—An angler casts from one of the area's fine ocean beaches. In the salt-water river which gives region its name, sea trout are widely caught.

GULF STREAM COAST—Southeast Florida resorts are convenient to famous sporting attractions. But they are also centers for active sports of all kinds.



WEST COAST—Splendid public tennis courts, beautifully landscaped, are found throughout this area. Also, municipal facilities for golf, swimming, boating.



NORTH FLORIDA—Even in northernmost Florida, winter never curtails the fun of outdoor play. Sports like shuffleboard can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Best place to play best is any place in Florida

. . . and vacations in this land of fun cost no more than ordinary ones

There's more recreational fun in Florida than you can shake a putter—or a fishing rod—at! Nowhere else on this continent are resorts and sports so numerous. Nowhere else is play so enjoyable all winter through.

You can golf in shirt-sleeved comfort from Pensacola to the Keys. You can fish for fighting Florida bass in 30,000 lakes, or troll for deep-sea battlers on the Gulf of Mexico or out in the waters of the blue Atlantic Ocean.

Play a tennis match a stone's throw from a beach. Race an outboard up and down a calm lagoon. Take a thrilling ski ride over bays and rivers. Or, just relax and tan a berry brown beside a sun-drenched swimming pool.

And don't forget the countless other attractions of this nation's only true subtropics: more ideal beaches than anywhere else in the world; outstanding spectator sports; the historic shrines of America's first white settlements; spectacular water shows of every kind.

Come down to Florida *now!* Sunny skies and soft, warm breezes quickly make you forget it's still mid-winter. You'll find a Florida vacation is high in every kind of fun, yet priced as low as most ordinary holidays.

CENTRAL FLORIDA—Golf on challenging courses is only one of many sports that make stays in this region fun. The thousands of lakes are excellent for bass fishing, and offer small boat owners delightful cruising waters.

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Perfect gravy, step by step

That favorite Sunday roast—or roast turkey or chicken—can give you wonderful gravy to glorify mashed potatoes

Young brides confide that gravy can be the making or breaking of a new cook's reputation.

Time was when every girl learned the gravy art at Mother's side. Nowadays, teen-agers have less time to practice in the kitchen, and making gravy has become a prestige skill—a matter of pride among the young marrieds.

We'll admit it takes a bit of know-how to achieve the goal of rich-brown, satiny, *lumpless* gravy. But for every tricky problem, there's a preventive trick. The picture recipe shows success tips for gravy made in the roasting pan.

Or try the saucepan way: Pour off fat from roasting pan. Combine the correct proportions of fat and flour in a saucepan. Add the liquid to the roasting pan; simmer and stir till meat drippings dissolve. Now add this good liquid to mixture in saucepan. Cook and *stir* as below.

Measure drippings. First lift the roast to a heated platter and keep warm. (The meat will carve better with this little "rest" while you fix the gravy.)

Leaving crusty bits in roasting pan, pour off fat and meat juices. When the fat comes to the top, skim it off. Then for each cup of gravy, measure 2 tablespoons of the fat back into roasting pan.

Now for the flour. We're making 2 cups of gravy—enough for 6 to 8 servings—so there's ¼ cup (4 tablespoons) fat in the pan. Stir in an equal measure of flour—¼ cup (that's 2 tablespoons flour for each cup gravy).

Blend flour and fat—wire whisk does a *smooth* job. Keeping heat *very low*, cook and *stir* till frothy. For richer color and flavor, brown flour to a light tan.

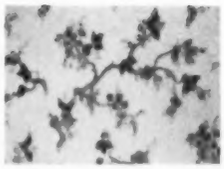
Photographs: Mike Nelson

In goes the liquid. Important tip: First remove pan from heat—we've pushed ours back to an unused burner. Pour in the liquid all at once—one cup for each cup gravy—here it's 2 cups. Stir to blend and to loosen the crusty bits. Then return pan to heat.

For the liquid, use meat juices plus water or milk; or use broth from chicken or turkey giblets.

Final perfecting. Season gravy to taste with salt and pepper and monosodium glutamate—perhaps a dash of a favorite herb like rosemary. Want richer-brown gravy? Add a bit of kitchen bouquet.

Simmer gravy about 5 minutes. All smooth now! Pour into hot gravy boat—with rubber spatula slick out every drop. There's your gravy—perfectly delicious!



Wallpaper hints for the practical home decorator

from Jean McLain
—famous Imperial decorator

Wallpaper gives a room a "brand new" look. Have you sometimes wanted to freshen up your living room, yet hesitated to spend a lot on new furniture, drapes or carpet? This is a well-known problem. Yet it can be solved so simply, so inexpensively with wallpaper. You'll be surprised and delighted with the difference wallpaper makes. It freshens and brightens the room. It enhances the colors that were already there but somehow seemed to be hidden before.

You can create a mood with wallpaper. Every room in your house should have its own individual "mood". You can't create this with color alone – but wallpaper can do it for you. A pretty floral paper in your bedroom creates a restful, feminine atmosphere, as you can see in the bedroom on the opposite page. A bold contemporary design makes a playroom lively and cheerful. And one of Imperial's traditional or Early American wallpaper designs gives your living room a cozy yet dignified air. However your home is furnished, you can be sure you'll find an Imperial wallpaper to complement its different moods.

I am often asked: Why Imperial? For many reasons! First – there's Imperial's "plastic-bonding". This special process "locks in" all the lovely colors and makes Imperial Wallpapers completely washable and fade-resistant even in bright sunlight. Other Imperial advantages are exciting designs, pre-trimming, protective packaging–and of course the unique Imperial 3-year written guarantee. So you can be sure of satisfaction. Get the full story from your Imperial dealer.

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High Hat Tuna Soufflé

Makes 4 servings

Scald.....½ cup milk
Stir in.....2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
Cool to lukewarm.
Measure into bowl.....¼ cup warm (not hot) water
(Cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast)
Sprinkle or crumble in.....1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, active dry or compressed.
Stir until dissolved.
Add lukewarm milk mixture.
Add.....2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 cup sifted enriched flour
Beat until smooth, about 1 minute. Cover. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 40 minutes.

In 1-quart casserole,
Combine..1 can cream of celery soup
1 7-ounce can tuna, drained
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
Beat until stiff but not dry.....2 egg whites
Stir batter down and fold in beaten egg whites.
Spoon batter on top of creamed tuna. Bake in 400°F (hot) oven 40 to 45 minutes.

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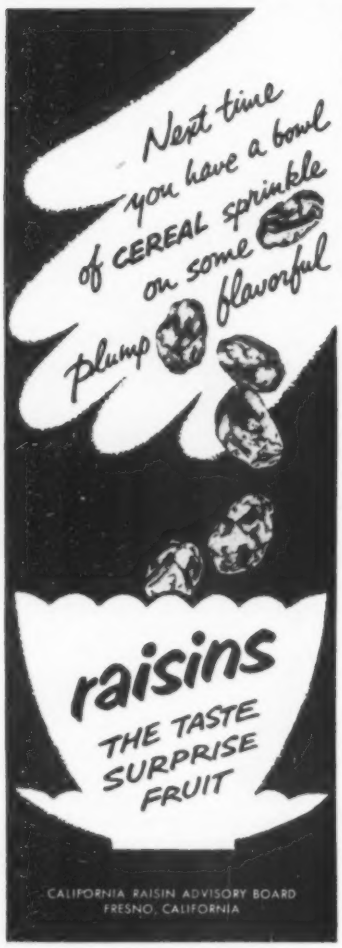

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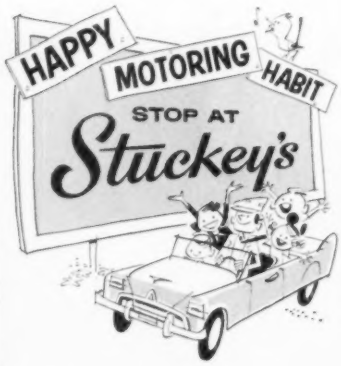

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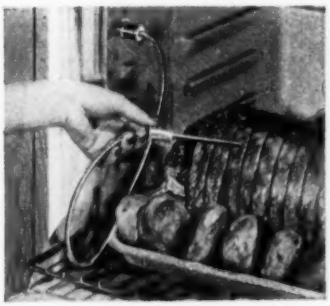

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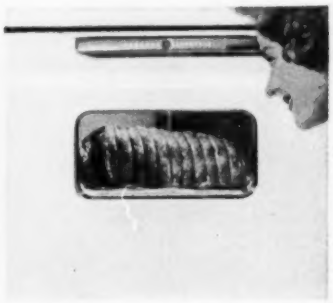

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A father talks to his son

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even *if*—you will live in the future.

In the next half-dozen years, you will spend much of your life in a car, and there is more than a slight chance that sometime during those years, your life will end in a car. In the next six years, some 300,000 teen-agers will have been destroyed by the auto, and another million crippled. Don't be one of them.

I won't forbid you to drive, or ride with others. You can't live apart from the life of your times, from the normal activities and even hazards of your world. I will do everything in my power to prepare you for this life with the automobile. I will have you taught to drive by professional teachers, and I will allow you to buy a car when you are man enough to earn one. Then I can only hope and pray that respect for the laws of men, manners, and motion will not desert you when you are on your own.

Unless you are alert and courteous, and wise along the trails of your century, unless you survive the ambushes at the intersections and the inescapable skirmishes of the road, life is in truth an empty dream, and the grave in truth its goal. Be gentle with your horses, lad, and get your wagon through. The rusted iron in the ditch was a car as sporty as the one you dream of; the boy they drag out somewhere every hour to cover and bury, was as sweet and smart and loved as you.

There is another survival that depends on what you are and what you do at this very instant—your vocational survival.

As your father, it is my responsibility to help you prepare for any one of 10,000 occupations in the world. You alone must choose the one you wish to follow. At this moment, at this age, you might become anything. So much depends on how well you do the work of these years.

School is your job. Like all work it has its difficult and unpleasant aspects. Yet, the measure of your manliness now is how well, compared to others your age, you face up to the facts of your life. Are you now building up the habit of success, or failure? Do you avoid, or do you conquer? Are you building your life on results, or excuses?

There is something cruel and awful about the fact that, at this tender age, you may already have limited your future. You hated algebra, saw no reason why you had to excel in it, and, grinding out the work with half a heart, got a low grade. So . . .?

So, in your school, that eliminates you from going on to take geometry, which in turn closes off the entire further study of math. The future careers which you have erased from your slate with one poor grade, would fill a book. Perhaps, somewhere among the lost, is your "right" future.

It isn't that I want you to be an engineer, or a scientist. I want you to be whatever you are happy being, whether it be a guide, a mechanic, teacher, salesman, doctor, artist, or merry-go-round operator. What I do care about now is that you do your best to keep *open* every possible path to your future, so that, when the proper time comes, you can walk the one of your choice. And it is now, while you are so young—too young to know which route to the future is yours—that you are "old enough" to keep open or close off a thousand possible avenues to life.

I know you well. So far, your victories outnumber your defeats. But, in your world, victories are taken for granted, and defeats are shattering. Sometimes I wonder which of us is the more grown-up, when I realize that as a man I can make more mistakes than you, I am allowed more failures, I find more tolerance of my weaknesses and inabilities. Life demands much more perfection from you, at your age, than it does from me at 40. Understand this, and know that for this survival too, I wish you strength, courage, good fortune.

I have mentioned your moral and cultural survival, and I think you have made a good start. You are a reader. True, your reading is often limited to a particular interest and level of the moment—years ago comics, then war stories, then outdoor yarns, and now automobile magazines. But the important thing is that you outgrew the comics and the war stories in your time, and you will outgrow your current reading.

Like many teen-agers, you have read good books for the wrong reasons, but I have never censored your reading and I never will. I have never seen you go back to trash you outgrew, but I have seen you return to the good books for better reasons, and I have faith in your developing taste.

I feel the same way about movies and music. At the moment, you will listen to nothing but "rock and roll." I can remember when you listened to nursery songs, then loved ballads, and finally got around to popular music.

I notice, looking over your record collection, that you do have an ear for the better artists in the field you like; that you appreciated "progressive jazz" before my ear could contain it. Given freedom to listen, with an occasional assist toward better music, I know your taste will mature as you do. I expect the day is not far off when you will be listening to Ravel and

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Bartok, while I am still content with Beethoven and Strauss waltzes.

I am more concerned with your exposure to cheap philosophies of life, than to cheap entertainments. They say that listening to music over a poor sound system can give you a "tin ear," unable to appreciate the higher fidelity of reproduction. I am concerned that your exposure to vulgar and narrow outlooks on the world will give you a "tin soul."

That is why you and I have had words about your addiction to various fads that have come and gone. No fad as such has been good or evil, whether it was the way you wore your denims, or the way you cut your hair. But to obey a fad blindly is to let the mob do your thinking for you. And if you get in the habit of letting others decide your mode of dress, action, and speech now, you will find it difficult, even impossible, to think independently when you are older, or you may not have then the courage to do so.

So many teen-agers give as their excuse for following fads that they fear to be different from others. What a small, weak, cowardly, unworthy reason for surrendering the great miracle and blessing of human life—the very *ability* to be different, to have the power of independent thought, of individual choice and action.

I am not telling you to be different just for the the sake of being different. This, too, is a fad. But when you go along with a mass fad, just to be like the others, do it of your own will and consciously, understanding both the satisfactions and limitations of your identification.

Learn to evaluate, to judge, to think and choose as *yourself*, with faith in your own tastes, opinions, goals, and personal worth. As you grow, this attitude and belief in yourself will serve as a shield against the hucksters of mob morals, manners, ideologies, and fads of consumption, transportation, patriotism, and education.

I come now to your final survival—as boy friend, suitor, husband, and father. In a way, your ability to live successfully with a woman is the crucial test of your manhood. For, as boy friend, suitor, husband, and father, every aspect of your personality will be put to the test.

Every other problem I have mentioned, from driving, to work habits, to cultural values, will influence you in your choice of a girl, your relationships with her, and your eventual success or failure in this role which I play for you today, and which you will assume tomorrow.

I am not now concerned with drilling you on the nomenclature of the human body or the mechanical facts of mating. I believe that such sex information is important, but I don't want you to confuse sex information with sex education.

Let me liken the situation to driving a car. Now, too young for a license, but obsessed by the automobile, you have read everything about cars you could get your hands on. You can recite to me perfectly every maneuver necessary to start and drive a car. You are convinced that you are capable of getting behind the wheel without any further trial and driving off at high speed.

But when you start to drive, you will be confronted by an element that has to be experienced to be understood—motion. Your confidence and imagined skill will melt into confusion when the added factor of relentless *motion* forces situations and sensations upon you that you could not even anticipate until you experienced them. And faster than you can cope with them.

This is true also with sex. You are not dating as yet, but you speak casually of the time when you will be "interested" in girls and will date. You possess a good amount of sex information, well in advance of the time when it will be needful for you. But here, too, there is an added factor that makes a hash of mechanical information, terminology, and good intentions. And that is, the added factor of *emotion*.

Just as you will be a good driver when you experience and learn to control the fact of swift, potentially dangerous motion, so you will be able to survive romantically and sexually when you learn to control and guide the forces of swifter, and in some ways more dangerous, emotion.

Remember this: When you ask a girl for a date, you assume the responsibility for her welfare. From the time you take her from her home, until you bring her home again, she is in your care. It is your duty to protect and preserve her from risk and harm, whether it be as her chauffeur, guide, or suitor. She must be kept as safe from your affection of the moment as she is from the recklessness or unpleasantness of others.

There is a negative, cold-blooded attitude among many boys that, "It is up to the girl to draw the line"; that tries to get as much from a girl as one can, and claims it is her fault if matters go too far.

In a way, it is up to the girl—if she happens to be out with an irresponsible or unprincipled boy. But believe me this: It is the boy who must assume *complete* responsibility for the girl, if he would have any real claim to manhood. For it is this sense of responsibility that at any age separates the men from the boys.

When you begin to date, you will be faced with the problem of whether or not to "go steady," and I have this bit of advice for you:

Your dating years are those in which your tastes and interests do—and should—change rapidly. The girl you admire in March may not be the one you care for in April.

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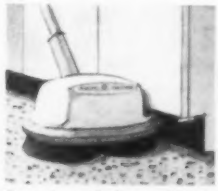

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gether. Brush tops with melted butter. Toast on a baking sheet in hot oven (400°) about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot with berries to spoon over. Makes 8 Blintzes or 4 servings.

Parisian Chocolate

A gracious way for the hostess to serve hot chocolate—have chocolate "batter" in pretty bowl, hot milk in matching pot. Pass whipped cream—

2½ 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
½ cup water
⅔ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
• • •
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
• • •
1 quart hot milk

Heat chocolate and water over low heat, stirring till chocolate melts. Add sugar and salt. Bring to boiling, reduce heat and simmer 4 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Fold whipped cream into chocolate mixture. To serve, place 1 heaping tablespoon in each cup and fill with hot milk; stir well. Makes 8 to 10 teacup servings.

Tasting-Test Kitchen note: You can keep the chocolate-cream "batter" in refrigerator several days and use small amounts as needed.

Breakfast Salad

Have oranges and canned purple plums chilled ahead. Drain plums. Pare oranges and section. For each serving, arrange 3 plums at one side of plate and radiate orange sections from plums. Pass confectioners' sugar.

Brioche

These airy little double-decker rolls fairly fly off the plate. Remember to start them night ahead—

1 package active dry yeast *or* 1 cake compressed yeast
¼ cup water
½ cup milk, scalded
½ cup butter or margarine
⅓ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
• • •
3¼ cups sifted enriched flour
3 beaten eggs
1 beaten egg yolk
• • •
1 slightly beaten egg white
1 tablespoon sugar

Soften active dry yeast in *warm* water, compressed yeast in *lukewarm* water. Cool milk to lukewarm. Meanwhile, cream butter; add ⅓ cup sugar and the salt, creaming thoroughly. Add milk to creamed mixture; stir in *1 cup of the flour*. Add softened yeast, eggs, and egg yolk; beat well. Stir in remaining flour; beat 5 to 8 minutes longer. Cover; let rise in warm place till a little more than double (about 2 hours). Stir down; beat well. Cover *tightly* with aluminum foil; place in refrigerator overnight. Stir down; turn out on lightly floured surface. Divide dough in fourths; set one section aside. Cut the other three sections in half and form each piece in 4 balls (24 in all). Form the reserved section into 24 smaller balls. Place large balls in greased muffin pans. Poke indentation in top of each and moisten hole *slightly* with water. Press small ball in each indentation. Cover; let rise in warm place till double (about 1 hour). Combine egg white and 1 tablespoon sugar; brush tops with mixture. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 15 minutes, or till done. Serve warm. Makes 2 dozen rolls.

Tasting-Test Kitchen note: To go along with French tradition, bake in very hot oven (450°) 8 to 10 minutes. (Before baking, brush with mixture of egg white and 1 tablespoon water instead of sugar.) Brioche will be extra feathery, but tops will be dark brown. Toward end of baking, if tops are getting too dark, lay sheet of aluminum foil atop.

French Onion Soup

Prepare canned condensed onion soup or dry onion-soup mix according to directions on can or envelope. Toast slices of hard rolls or French bread; sprinkle generously with grated Parmesan or Gruyere cheese. Pour soup into bowls and float toast slices on top. (For gourmet touch, place under broiler a few seconds or till cheese is lightly browned.)

A father to his son

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You owe it to yourself, as does every young person, to meet as many, and not as few, people as possible while you are young.

It may be that your first love will be your lasting one. That has happened. But the odds are very much against it.

You, who were so confident a few years ago that you wanted to be a policeman, certain last year you would be a northwoods guide, positive this year you want to work with motors—you will change your "certainties" again and again, until you find, perhaps on some strange campus, or in some new books, or through some new friend, the vocation that is truly yours.

In the same way, as you grow and mature, you will find yourself attracted to different female personalities. And, as with jobs, you are likely to seek out at first the most obviously glamorous girl, but to choose finally the one whose

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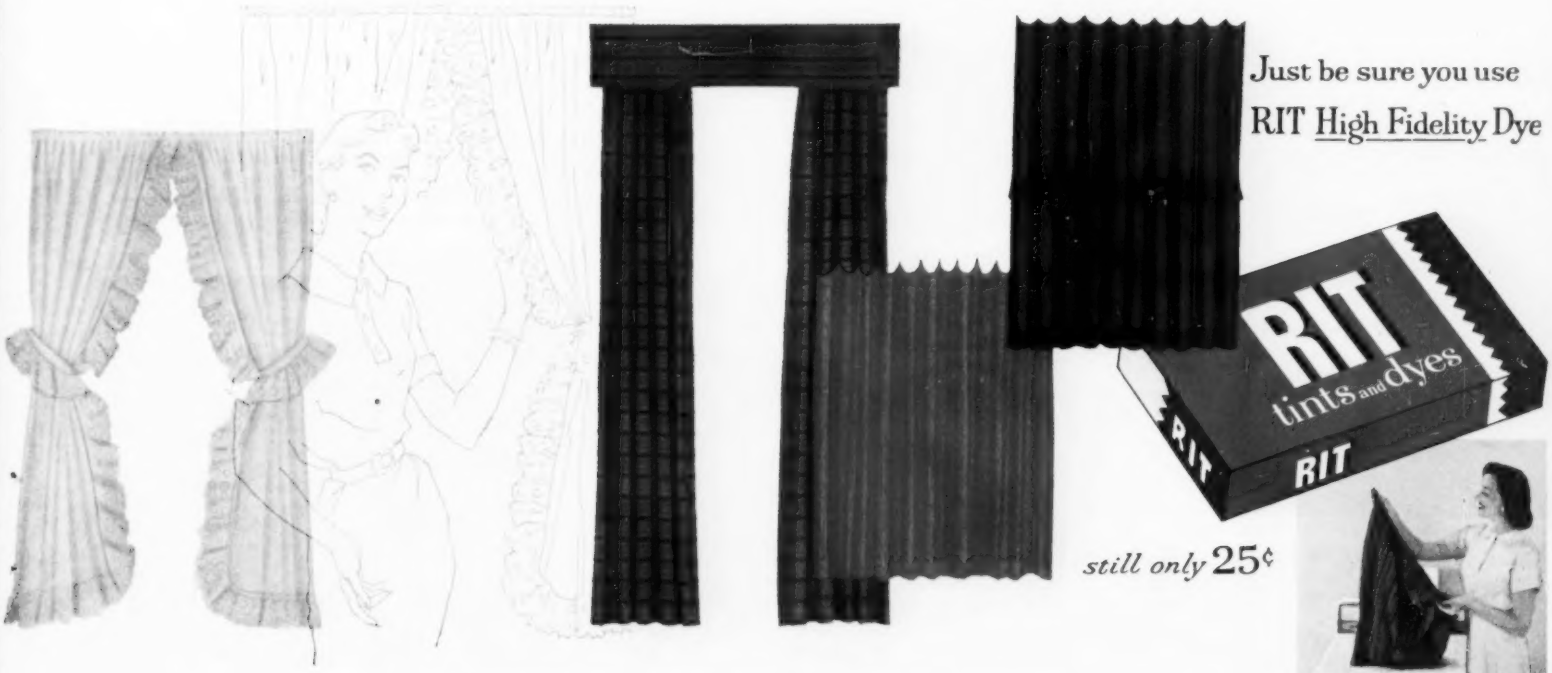

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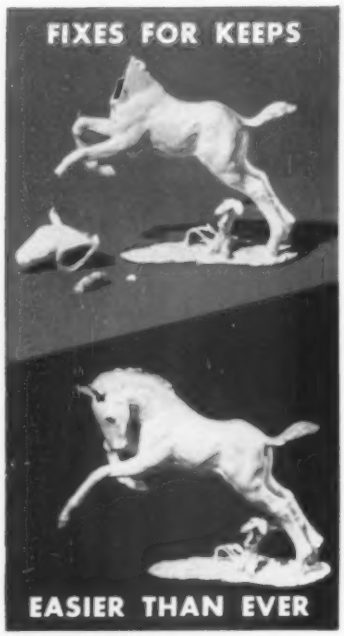

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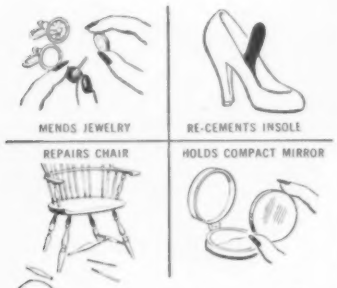

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Dessert is waffles a la mode! Pecan Waffles are the bonus here. First, sprinkle a handful of nuts over hot grid. Quickly pour in batter; bake.

This way, nuts take on a toasty flavor and are evenly distributed over waffle. Top waffle, pecan side up, with vanilla ice cream and Mocha Butterscotch Sauce.

Hostess-in-a-hurry luncheon. Get a head start with frozen waffles, canned or frozen "a la king," and jellied cranberry sauce. Buy packaged waffles or freeze your own. Just before serving, pop waffles into toaster or heat in a hot oven till crisp.

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Waffle know-how

- **For tender waffles:** Stir the batter just enough to mix—don't worry about the pebbly look. The stiffer the batter, the shorter the mixing period should be.
- **For top-notch performance** from your waffle baker: Avoid using an extension cord which may decrease the efficiency of your appliance.
- **To prevent sticking:** Follow manufacturer's directions for care and preheating of waffle baker. Be sure it is hot enough before you add batter. (If baker does not have a preheat indicator, sprinkle a few drops of water on the grid; if drops fairly dance, it's ready.)
- **For even baking:** Close lid quickly after pouring in batter so top of the waffle starts to bake at the same time as the bottom.
- **No heavyweights** or pull-aparts: Don't peek! If you open the lid too soon, waffle might fall, or stick and pull apart. Wait till the light gives you the signal or till the steam stops.
- **For crisp waffles:** After you open lid, allow baked waffle to remain on grid a few seconds. Or, as you take up waffle, hold it on a fork for a moment. This does away with steaming on the plate. For extra-crisp waffles, allow longer baking time.
- **Keep 'em hot** for a crowd: Place baked waffles in single layer on a wire rack in warm oven till serving time.
- **To freeze waffles:** Bake extras; cool thoroughly and wrap in aluminum foil or saran wrapping. Double-fold loose ends or seal with freezer tape. Freeze waffles immediately.
- **To heat frozen waffles:** Place frozen waffles in a toaster to heat. (Some folks prefer to thaw them about 15 minutes first.) You may also heat waffles on a wire rack in hot oven or broiler.
- **Leftover batter:** Batter may be covered and kept in the refrigerator overnight.

Old-fashioned Waffles

Crisp on the outside, moist and fluffy on the inside—

1¾ cups sifted enriched flour
or 2 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

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2 beaten egg yolks
1¼ cups milk
½ cup salad oil or melted shortening

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2 stiff-beaten egg whites

Sift together dry ingredients. Combine egg yolks and milk; stir into dry ingredients. Stir in oil. Fold in egg whites, leaving a few little fluffs—don't fold too thoroughly. Bake in preheated waffle baker. Makes about 8 waffles.

Angel Waffles

Sure to please the ladies—they're airy and fragile-crisp. Especially nice for a dessert or luncheon waffle—

2¼ cups sifted enriched flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
1½ tablespoons sugar
2 beaten eggs
2¼ cups milk
¾ cup salad oil or melted shortening

Sift together dry ingredients. Combine eggs, milk, and salad oil; add to dry ingredients just before baking. Beat only until dry ingredients are moistened. (This is a thin batter.) Bake in preheated waffle baker. Makes 10 to 12 waffles. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** For a heartier waffle, use 2½ cups flour.

Whipped Honey Butter

½ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup honey

Cream butter with electric beater or a wooden spoon until light and fluffy. Add honey gradually, beating till smooth. For plain **Whipped Butter:** Just cream butter until fluffy. Spoon into bowl, swirl top.

Waffles, a la King Style

Use prepared "a la king," and frozen waffles—

2 10-ounce cans frozen chicken a la king or 2 10½-ounce cans chicken a la king
6 frozen waffles
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon prepared mustard

Heat chicken a la king according to directions on can. Heat frozen waffles in toaster or in a hot oven until crisp. Combine melted butter and mustard; brush on both sides of hot waffles. Spoon hot chicken a la king over. Makes 6 servings.

Quick Corn-meal Waffles

1 cup sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup yellow corn meal
2 beaten eggs
2 cups buttermilk
¼ cup salad oil or melted shortening

Sift together first 5 ingredients; stir in corn meal. Combine remaining ingredients; stir into dry ingredients and mix just till moistened. Bake in preheated waffle baker. Makes 8 to 10 waffles.

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Mocha Butterscotch Sauce

1 cup sugar

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2 tablespoons instant coffee
1½ cups boiling water

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2 tablespoons cornstarch
3 tablespoons cold water

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2 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ teaspoon salt

In heavy skillet, melt sugar slowly over low heat, stirring constantly, till caramelized; remove from heat. Combine coffee with boiling water; slowly add to sugar, stirring and heating to blend. Combine cornstarch and cold water; stir into syrup mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add butter and salt. Makes 1¼ cups.

Biscuit bonnets

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Shrimp Pinwheel Casserole

Elegant enough for a company buffet. Zigzag the Pinwheel Biscuits for smart design—

⅓ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup butter or margarine
2 tablespoons enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 1-pound can (2 cups) tomatoes
1½ cups shredded process American cheese
1½ cups cooked and cleaned shrimp
¾ cup drained cooked or canned peas

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1 recipe Pinwheel Biscuits

Cook green pepper and onion in butter till tender but not brown. Blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add tomatoes and cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add cheese; stir till melted. Add shrimp and peas. Pour into greased 2-quart casserole. Top with Pinwheel Biscuits and bake in very hot oven (450°) 15 to 20 minutes or till biscuits are done and golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Pinwheel Biscuits

2 cups sifted enriched flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
⅔ cup milk

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1½ cups shredded process American cheese
¼ cup chopped pimiento
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in shortening till mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk all at once; stir just till dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead gently ½ minute. Roll in rectangle ½ inch thick. Sprinkle with cheese and pimiento and roll as for jelly roll. Cut in 1-inch slices. Place 5 or 6 biscuits, cut side down, atop *hot* cheese casserole; brush tops with melted butter and bake as above. (Bake remaining biscuits on greased baking sheet.)

Hamburger Pie with Onion Biscuits

Homespun and good. Easy as 1-2-3—

1 medium onion, chopped
1 pound ground beef
¾ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 1-pound can (2 cups) cut green beans, drained
1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) whole kernel corn, drained
1 can condensed tomato soup

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1 recipe Onion Biscuits

Cook onion in small amount hot fat till tender but not brown. Add meat and seasonings; brown lightly. Add vegetables and soup; heat to boiling; pour into greased 1½-quart casserole. Top with Onion Biscuits. Bake in very hot oven (450°) 10 to 15 minutes or till biscuits are done. Makes 6 servings.

Onion Biscuits

¾ cup finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons fat

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1½ cups sifted enriched flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed
¼ cup shortening
1 slightly beaten egg
⅓ cup milk

Cook onion in hot fat till tender, but not brown. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir in celery seed. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cooked onion. Combine egg and milk; add all at once and stir just till dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead gently ½ minute. Roll ½ inch thick and cut with doughnut cutter. Place circle of "doughnuts" on *hot* meat mixture; center with a few doughnut "holes"; bake as above. (Bake the remaining biscuits on an ungreased baking sheet.)

Seafood Banquet Pie

Make this the hub of a Lenten luncheon. It's delicious and different—

2 beaten eggs
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
¼ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons minced parsley
¾ teaspoon basil
¼ teaspoon salt
1 1-pound can (2 cups) salmon, or 2 6½- or 7½-ounce cans tuna

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1 recipe Pastry Wedge Top or Biscuit Wedge Top
1 recipe Cucumber Sauce

Combine eggs, milk, butter, onion, parsley, and seasonings. Break salmon in chunks, removing bones and skin. Stir salmon into egg mixture. Pour into well-greased 8-inch pieplate. Arrange Wedge Top to match picture, page 85, and bake according to directions for pastry or biscuit topping. *Serve immediately*, as filling continues to cook after pie

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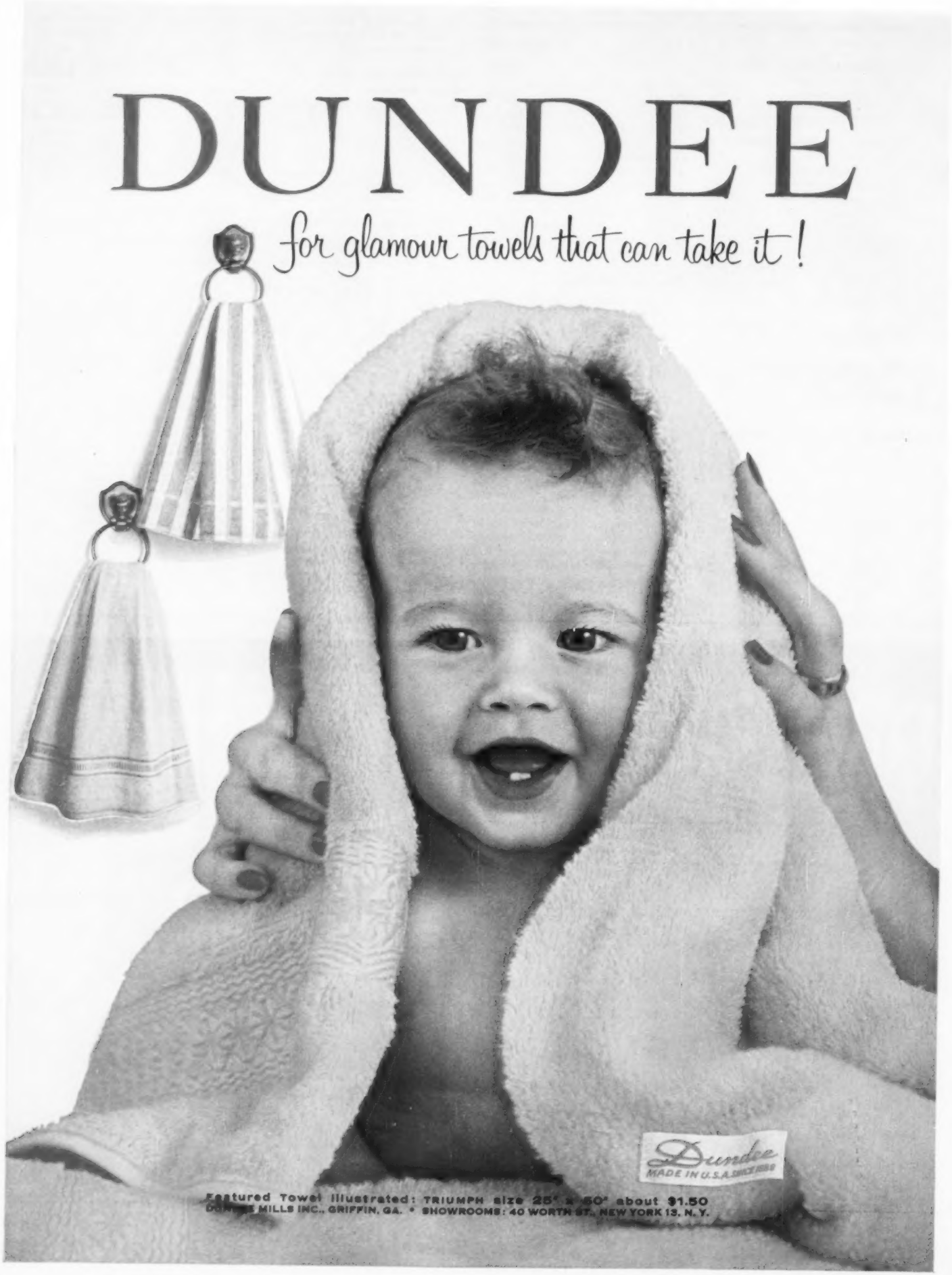
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Biscuit bonnets

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is removed from oven. Pass chilled Cucumber Sauce to spoon atop the hot wedges. Makes 6 servings.

Pastry Wedge Top

1 cup sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup shortening
2 to 3 tablespoons cold water

Sift together flour and salt; cut in shortening with pastry-blender or blending fork till pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle water 1 tablespoon at a time, over part of mixture. Gently toss with fork; push to one side of bowl. Sprinkle next tablespoon over dry part; mix lightly; push to moistened part at side. Repeat till all is moistened. Gather up with fingers; form into ball. Flatten ball slightly and roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. With pastry wheel or sharp knife, cut circle, using *bottom* of 8-inch pieplate as guide. Then cut circle into 6 pie-shaped wedges. Arrange on seafood mixture and bake in hot oven (425°) about 25 minutes or till done.

Biscuit Wedge Top

1 cup sifted enriched flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
⅓ cup milk

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in shortening till mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk all at once; stir just till dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead gently ½ minute. Roll out in 8-inch circle, ¼ inch thick. With pastry wheel or sharp knife, cut in 6 pie-shaped wedges; arrange on seafood mixture. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 30 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge of pie comes out clean.

Cucumber Sauce

1 medium cucumber, unpared
1 tablespoon grated onion
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons vinegar
1 tablespoon minced parsley
½ cup dairy sour cream
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut cucumber in half lengthwise; scoop out seeds. Grate cucumber (you'll need about 1 cup grated); drain. Combine all ingredients and blend well. Chill. Makes about 1½ cups.

Dixie Chicken 'n Biscuit

1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) evaporated milk
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ cups shredded sharp process American cheese
2 cups diced cooked or canned chicken
1 cup celery slices
¼ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup diced pimiento

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1 recipe Pimiento Drop Biscuits

Mix soup, milk, and salt. Heat, stirring constantly. Add cheese; stir till melted. Add remaining ingredients and heat thoroughly. Pour into greased 1½-quart casserole. Top with Pimiento Drop Biscuits and bake in very hot oven (450°) 15 minutes or till biscuits are done. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

Pimiento Drop Biscuits

1 cup sifted enriched flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons shortening
½ cup milk
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Sift flour with baking powder and salt; cut in shortening till mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk and pimiento all at once; mix just to moisten flour. Drop by tablespoon on *hot* meat mixture around edge of casserole. Bake as above.

Swedish Fruit Soup

The kind of light dessert folks appreciate after a filling main course—

1 11-ounce package (1¾ cups) mixed dried fruits
½ cup golden seedless raisins
3 to 4 inches stick cinnamon
4 cups water

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1 medium orange, unpared, cut in ¼-inch slices
1 No. 2 can (2¼ cups) unsweetened pineapple juice
½ cup currant jelly
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine mixed dried fruits, raisins, cinnamon, and water. Bring to boiling, reduce heat and simmer uncovered till fruits are tender, about 30 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to boiling; cover, cook over low heat 15 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Serve warm or chilled. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Shop the counters

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Mix thoroughly. Shape in small balls. Melt fat, add kitchen bouquet. Brown meat balls in mixture. Cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes. Remove from heat and lift out meat balls. Combine sour cream and flour, add to skillet. Add mushrooms (with liquid); cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add meat balls. Cook uncovered over low heat 5 to 8 minutes. Meanwhile cook noodles in boiling, salted water till tender; drain; sprinkle with poppy seed. Center platter with meat balls and gravy; circle with the noodles. Makes 6 servings.

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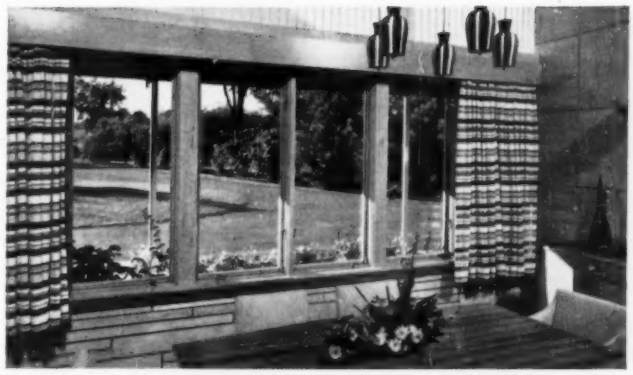
—Mark Twain



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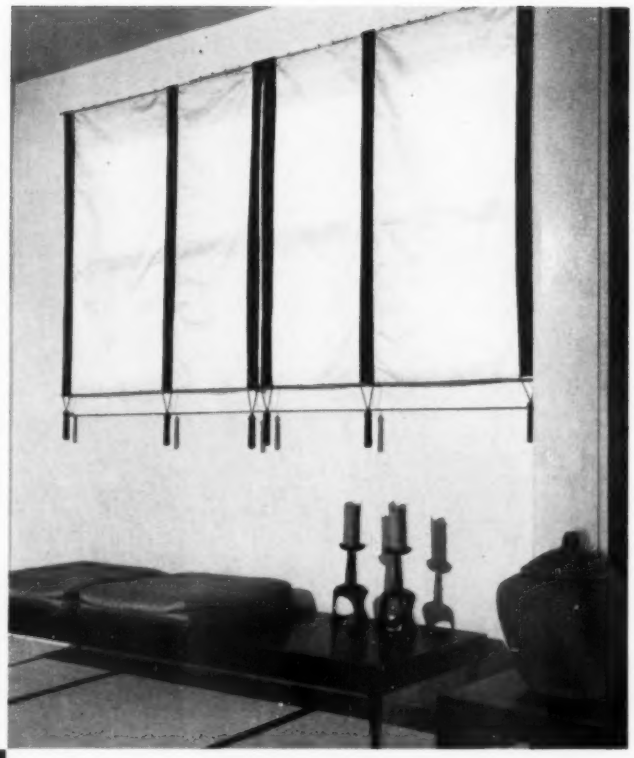

Tassels and ribbon elegantly define window shape and size. Bottom edge of curtain stops at sill for most symmetrical effect.

To make, stitch side, top, and bottom hems of a translucent fabric. Then with newspaper laid under fabric to prevent puckering, stitch grosgrain ribbon to panels. Newspaper falls away from stitching.

Fold ribbon back at bottom, leaving loop for threading tassel; sew to hem of curtain. For how to make loops at top, see page 169.

Treat your windows to low-cost flattery

Gay clown glued to felt gives a delightful touch of whimsey to children's curtain.

First, install rod at desired height. Then cut felt to curtain size, and design motif.

Clown is made of separate pieces of felt—one each for head and hat; body is in two sections, with a belt piece set between them.

Before final gluing (or stitching if you prefer), experiment with pieces in various positions—hat tilted, head cocked, etc.—to find placement you like.

See how-to-glue, page 169.

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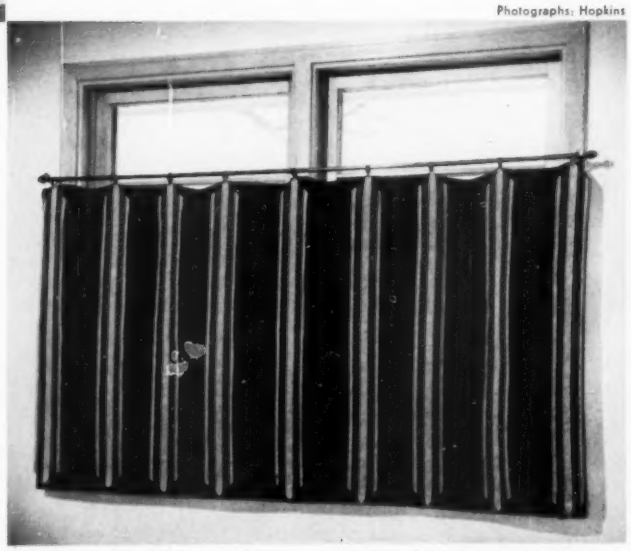

Free-hanging strip panels accent cafe curtains of solid color. Panels are stitched separately, then simply clipped to the curtain rod. Second set can give completely different contrast.

Drapery weight is dropped into the bottom point of each panel to assure straight hang (see how-to-sew panels on page 169). Note that rod has been placed at three-quarter height to give interesting curtain variation to standard double-hung window.

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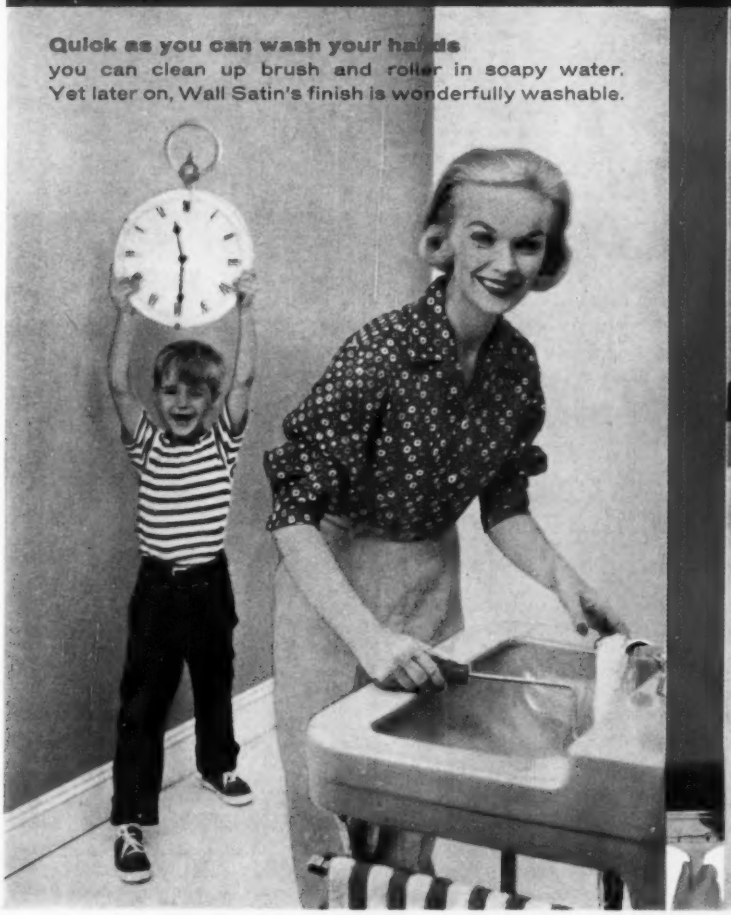

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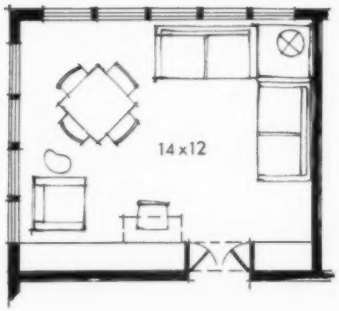
From a porch, a family room

Full-length draperies completely cover glass walls, forming a backdrop for one of a pair of loveseats. Porch floor of marbleized tile is ideal for informal room, provides pleasant contrast.

The plastic-finished card table and lightweight occasional tables make upkeep easy.



Draw draperies around two sides of room afford privacy as desired. Split door opens into bookcase wall.

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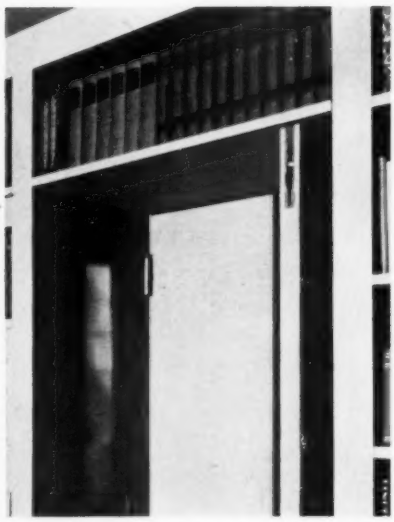
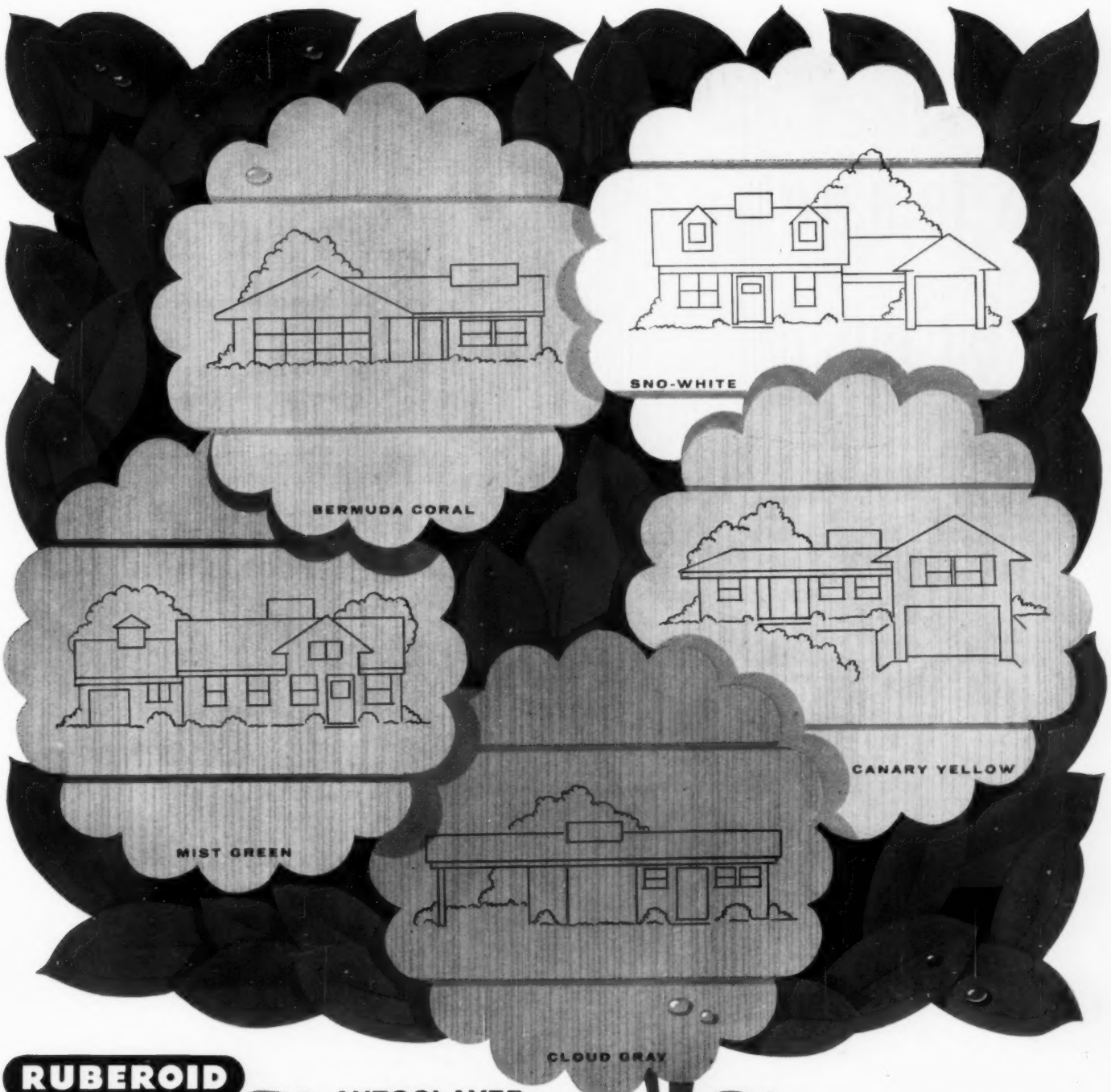
Inside wall is lined with bookshelves, with spacious storage cabinets below. Drop-leaf desk is only one shelf deep but has pigeonholes for efficient organization. Chair is upholstered in the same quilted cotton print that is used on the loveseats.



Specially designed split door is recessed into bookcase wall. Two narrow sections eliminate open door's projecting into room. Brass flush bolts hold door in place when open.



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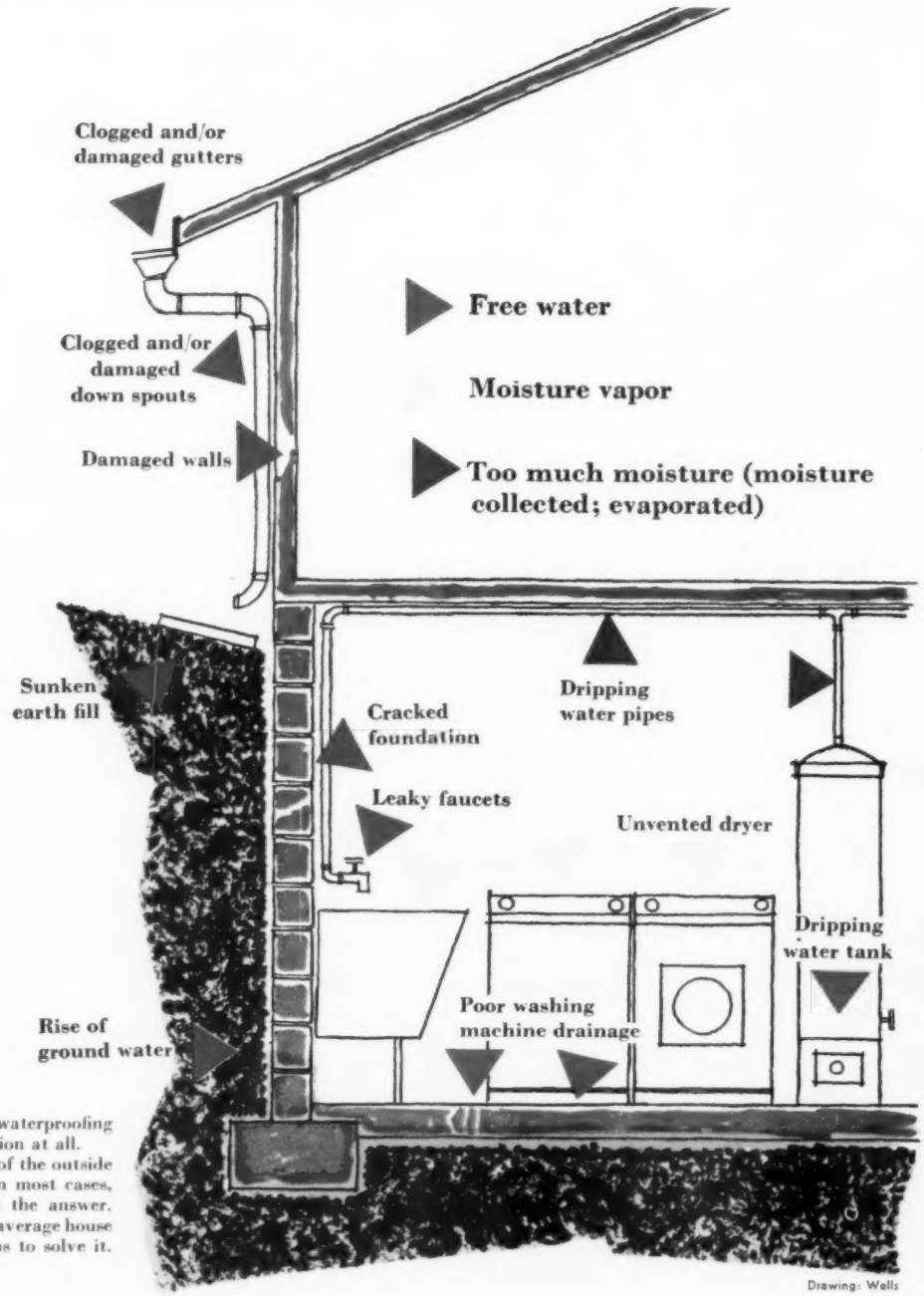
How to have a dry basement

By R. B. Kirkpatrick

If rain water or water from melting snow trickles into your basement, don't be too quick to blame the foundation. Chances are your home's drainage system is inadequate or faulty.

If your basement is damp or clammy, but does not leak water, inadequate ventilation inside may be the problem. The cause of this, usually, is the evaporation of water, moisture vapor produced by unvented dryers, and/or excess humidity, which shows on windows, walls, water pipes.

Prevention is the key to solving most of these problems—repair of gutters, drainage of water from the foundation, sealing pipes, and so on. You'll find that it's easy and inexpensive to do most of the work yourself—usually in a weekend or two.



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The most important part of any basement waterproofing project usually doesn't affect the foundation at all.

You simply have to remove the source of the outside moisture causing the leaks or seepage. In most cases, proper grading and efficient drainage is the answer. Check your problem on this drawing of an average house and follow these step-by-step photographs to solve it.

For water leakage and seepage, inspect the exterior of your home first

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Clean gutters twice yearly—in the spring and fall.

Leaves cause water to run over rims, splash next to foundation below. Wire guards you can buy (shown) keep downspouts clean; wire mesh guards are sold for gutters.

Check gutter for right pitch by dumping water into it from opposite end of downspout opening. If water runs out too slowly, bend hangers for more pitch.

If gutter leaks, better replace it. For temporary repair, patch small holes with roofing paper imbedded in plastic roofing cement. Then brush cement over patch.

Reposition and fasten spouting (with metal screw) where it has slipped down from the gutter pipe. Downspout hangers should also be checked for looseness.

If downspouts are clogged, reopen them with a small plumbers' snake. Debris forced through with water from garden hose may clog them even more.

Channel water away from the foundation. Elimination of this water is often all that's needed to stop moisture from entering the basement—especially seepage.

Pipe should extend at least three feet from the house so excess water empties where the grade lets it drain away. In winter, shovel snow away from walls.

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Cheese wonders from your chafing dish

By Virginia Heffington

Here's cooking drama—cheese recipes you can fix right before guests. Chafing dishes let you serve simply yet with all the fanfare of a famous chef

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Golden Chicken—a la king spiked with sharp yellow cheese. It's a snap! You melt cheese in chafing dish, with chicken broth for extra goodness. Last minute, stir in meaty chunks of chicken, colorful pimiento and green pepper. Spoon over hot biscuits—your own or the speedy kind from a refrigerated package.

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Spring Sandwich Special. Swiss and Parmesan cheeses in chicken bouillon make a luscious sauce that can build your reputation as a luncheon hostess. Serve sauce over open-face sandwiches of sliced boiled ham and tender spears of asparagus atop hot toast. Dessert? Lemon meringue pie.

Cheese Chowder is rich with American cheese and flavorful chicken broth. A garden touch: shreds of grated carrot and chopped celery and onion. Perfect for a blustery day, this hearty soup keeps piping hot in a chafing dish. Pass something crunchy like thin rye wafers or assorted crackers.

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On page 74 you read about the new magic in carpets—fibers that resist soil and wear, exciting textures and colors, new sizes that are easy on the budget. Here are additional buying tips:

Plan before you buy. Analyze your carpet needs in terms of color preferences, style of furnishings, the amount of traffic in the room.

Measure your room. Decide whether you want wall-to-wall carpeting or a rug—room-fit, standard-room size, or as an accent rug. "Room-fit" rugs follow shape of room leaving a little space between edge and wall. They're more economical than carpeting if room width falls between the standard carpet widths of 9, 12, and 15 feet. For example: if your room measured 10½x13 feet, *one* length of 9-foot carpet, 12 feet long, would make a room-fit rug. For wall-to-wall coverage, you would need *two* cuts of 9-foot carpet, 10½ feet long. Unless you had some other use for it, a strip 5x10½ feet would be wasted.

Help your salesman help you. Shop in a reliable store where you can depend on the advice that is given. Tell the salesman about your plans and how much you can afford to spend. Show him a floor plan of your room with measurements so he can figure carpet prices and sizes. Don't forget bays, alcoves, and fireplace hearths. Indicate furniture placement for area or accent rugs. Of course, he will want to remeasure your room accurately for wall-to-wall carpeting. For any carpet, most stores will send a salesman to your home; this permits you to see under home conditions the samples you are considering.

Look for good quality. The fiber name alone is not enough to assure you of good service. Construction of yarn, depth and closeness of surface tufts all affect the quality. Bend the sample back on itself to see closeness of tufts. Heavy, twisted yarns and tightly spaced, thick tufts wear best, whether the fiber used is wool, cotton, or synthetic.

Construction techniques have changed in the last few years. Now the construction name itself doesn't indicate quality. All of them—Wilton, Axminster, Velvet, and Tufted—are produced in several qualities to suit varying needs. Buy the best quality you can afford for living room, family room, halls, and stairs. Economize in bedroom and other less-traffic rooms.

Check for special finishes, the plus features that keep carpets new looking longer. Many have soil retardants applied during manufacture; good news if you're considering a light-colored carpet. Further protection against moths, mildew, and bacteria is given by the finishes. Mothproofing is particularly important for preservation of wool carpets.

Remember that good rug pads add to carpet beauty and life: New rug—new pad! A worn pad causes your new carpet to wear faster in the same old spots as the pad. Don't fool yourself into thinking you can get along by turning the pad so worn spots are under furniture. The old pad won't cushion the new carpet properly. If there is some wear left in the pad—move it to a room with less traffic.

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A father talks to his son

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physical appeal is but a covering for the true womanly qualities that will provide lifelong interest, challenge, and satisfaction.

How well you fare in this aspect of your life will depend so much on how well you manage in the others I have talked about. Look back over the essentials for survival against all the other challenges in your life. These are the foundation stones upon which you will build your future as lover, husband, and father. For, as husband and father, you will every day have put to the test your courage, understanding, individuality of thought and action, your sense of responsibility, your moral and cultural values, your leadership, your sensitivity, and your capacity to understand, respect, and love.

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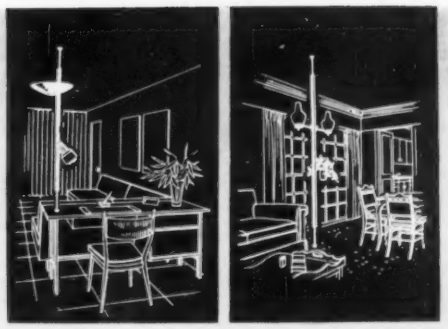
The writer of this article, Henry Felsen, is author of some of America's most popular books for teen-agers.



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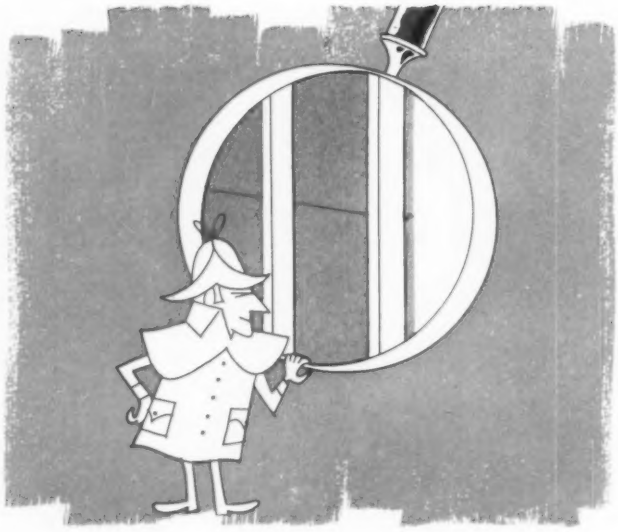

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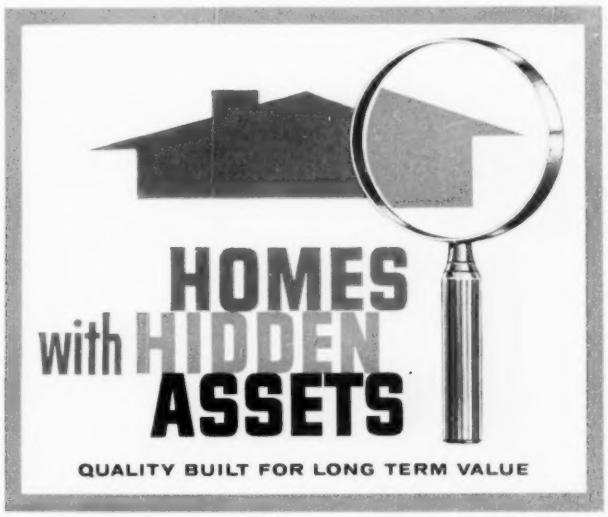

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Cheese wonders

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Golden Chicken

Cheese and chicken team up to make this easy dish. Spoon over hot biscuits or toast points—

½ pound process American cheese, cubed (1½ cups)
½ cup chicken broth or milk
• • •
2 cups diced cooked chicken
2 tablespoons finely chopped pimiento
1 tablespoon finely chopped green pepper
• • •
Freshly baked biscuits

Heat cheese and broth in chafing dish or double boiler, stirring constantly till cheese is melted and sauce is smooth. Stir in chicken, pimiento, and green pepper; heat. For each serving, split a hot biscuit and spoon sauce over. Pass additional biscuits. Makes 6 servings.

Cheese Rabbit

Yes, it's a plain rabbit, but so expertly seasoned you'll want to have it often—

½ pound sharp process American cheese, shredded (2 cups)
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 dashes cayenne
1 well-beaten egg
• • •
Toast points

Heat cheese and milk in chafing dish or skillet over *very low heat*, stirring constantly till cheese melts and sauce is smooth. Add seasonings. Add egg and continue to stir over *very low heat* till mixture thickens and is creamy. Serve immediately over hot toast. If desired, serve with grilled tomato slices. Makes 4 servings.

Creole Rabbit

It's tomato rabbit, New Orleans style. For a Lenten main dish, omit the bacon and serve over fluffy rice—

4 slices bacon, diced
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup diced green pepper
1 1-pound can (2 cups) tomatoes
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
• • •
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons enriched flour
⅔ cup milk
⅔ cup shredded sharp process American cheese
• • •
4 to 6 slices hot toast

Cook bacon till crisp; add onion and green pepper and cook till tender but not brown. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce; simmer uncovered 15 minutes. Meanwhile melt butter; blend in flour; gradually stir in milk. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add cheese to white sauce; stir till cheese is melted. Remove from heat. Slowly stir hot tomato mixture into cheese sauce. Serve over hot toast. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Spring Sandwich Special

Special because of the double-cheese sauce; it would please any gourmet. Next time, try over broccoli—

¼ cup finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons enriched flour
1 chicken bouillon cube
¾ cup hot water
1 cup milk
• • •
½ cup shredded process Swiss cheese
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
• • •
4 or 5 open-face sandwiches of sliced boiled ham topped with hot asparagus, all on toast

Cook onion in butter till tender but not brown. Blend in flour. Dissolve bouillon cube in hot water; gradually add the bouillon and milk to flour mixture; cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add cheeses, stirring until Swiss cheese melts and mixture is blended. Serve over open-face sandwiches. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Cheese Chowder

The ultimate in cheese soups—

½ cup coarsely shredded carrots
½ cup chopped celery
¾ cup boiling water
• • •
¼ cup chopped onion
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup enriched flour
2 cups milk
• • •
1 13½-ounce can (1¾ cups) chicken broth*
1½ cups shredded sharp process American cheese

Cook carrots and celery in boiling water until tender; do not drain. Cook onion in butter till tender but not brown; stir in flour. Gradually add milk and cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add broth, cheese, and vegetables (with cooking liquid). Stir over low heat until cheese melts. Garnish with chopped parsley. Makes 6 servings.

*Or use 2 chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 1¾ cups hot water.

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The youngster who cries and cries

We expect children to cry sometimes, but constant, prolonged crying makes us feel helpless, frantic. Check these basic causes of crying for your clue to handling it

By Ann Usher

An infant's cry is part of his language. It tells us that he needs something.

Tending to his physical wants will make the baby content again, if his crying was a sign of a specific discomfort. If he's lonesome, offer him comfort. Just be careful not to establish a habit you don't want to continue. Crying to be picked up, walked, rocked, and even to be taken into his parents' bed can quickly become routine.

Some infants seem to lull themselves to sleep with a little fretful crying. If this is your baby's habit, don't let it disturb you.

Other small babies display a great deal of restlessness and fussing, without any apparent reason. This condition is believed to be due to an immature nervous system. In a short time, Baby's nervous system will catch up with the rest of his development and he will be able to rest more readily. However, it is a good idea to tell your doctor if your baby is restless a great deal of the time.

If it is unusual for your baby to be restless in this fashion, watch him carefully since this may be one of the first signs of an illness.

Colic is probably the cause of most of the prolonged crying during the first three months of life. This condition is associated with gas in the intestinal tract. Tension and fatigue, too, may play a part in colic, since many babies have colic spells at a certain time each day—often in the evening. Your doctor will tell you how to relieve this distress.

Fortunately, even the most severe case of colic seldom continues after 3 months.

Sometimes, Baby seems to be crying from hunger although he has just been fed. He may need a stronger formula or be ready to have solid foods added to his diet.

The older baby who cries long and often should be checked by his doctor to be sure there is no illness or nutritional problem to account for it. If the baby is physically all right, his daily routine should be reviewed to see if that is where the trouble lies.

Perhaps Baby is confined too long in his table seat, toilet seat, or in a too-small crib. He may be wrapped so snuggly he can't move freely.

If the crying occurs at naptime or bedtime, Baby may be getting too much sleep. His nap periods may be too long. Or, play just before sleeping may be too exciting.

Lack of attention or not having anything to play with will cause boredom. And a bored baby will cry. Even though Mother is too busy to stop and play with him, talking to Baby as she moves about the house, occasionally picking up and returning thrown toys, and placing his playpen where he can see her as she works, keeps him from getting lonesome and bored.

The older baby should have plenty of opportunity to make use of his developing strength—to crawl, stand, and walk when he shows readiness for these activities.

The preschooler may cry excessively simply because he doesn't know the *why* of various situations. He may be asked to share his toys with another child when he is too young to understand sharing. He may refuse to cooperate because you haven't made clear what is expected of him. He may cry if he is teased, or even just because another child approaches him.

Learning to share and to take turns will come. In the meantime, don't force a youngster to let another child have the cherished toy. Provide the other child with something else.

The 3- or 4-year-old may be playing with children too old for him. He can't keep up, so he cries. Encourage him to play alone at times and, also, to play with children his own age.

But, even with children his age, anger and temper are common for the 3- to 4-year-old. On such occasions, separate the children and provide different activities for each, until they want to play together again.

Insecurity may be the cause of a youngster's crying. His parents may be too busy to spend any time with him and he discovers that crying is an attention-getter. On the other hand, insecurity can result from too much parental concern—prolonged comforting over bumps, disappointments, and so forth.

Fears, too, may be the cause of a preschooler's crying—fear of animals, of the dark, or of hurting himself. [*Turn to page 182*

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Mexico–three ways

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century skyscrapers rise within a stone's throw of centuries-old Indian markets. Ruins of ancient civilizations can be explored in the heart of bustling cities. In some parts of the country, up-to-date farms are worked with the latest machinery and equipment; in others, wheat is harvested with a scythe and threshed beneath horses' hooves on a cement floor. The father of a young professor at the ultramodern University of Mexico may be an inland farmer who cultivates corn with a hoe or plows his fields behind a team of oxen.

The thousand attractions of this flavorful country are easily accessible over a system of hard-surfaced roads, and your vacation will be even more enjoyable because of excellent hotels, wholesome food, and an extremely favorable rate of exchange that will keep your expenses within reason.

Your choice of routes through Mexico will depend on where you live, your method of travel, and what sections of the country you want to see. Families whose time is limited often fly to Mexico City, where they rent private cars or join organized tours. Other families prefer to enter the country by automobile.

If you're driving to Mexico, you will need an automobile permit issued free by border authorities, and for this you have to show proof of the ownership of your car. You'll also need temporary insurance to cover your car for the duration of your stay, since automobile insurance normally in force in the United States is not recognized by Mexican authorities.

Proof of citizenship is required of everyone crossing the border in either direction, and each person over 15 must have a tourist card, which costs $3. In addition, to reenter the United States you must have been vaccinated for smallpox within the past three years. A certificate from your family doctor fulfills this requirement, or American medical officers at the border will vaccinate you without charge. Americans need neither a passport nor a visa to tour Mexico, but Canadians are required to carry a Canadian Government passport.

Three of the best routes through Mexico—an Eastern loop, a Western loop, and a combination of the two—are indicated on the map illustrating this article. Here's what each one has to offer, and side trips that can originate from points along the way.

Mexico via the Eastern Loop

After crossing the Rio Grande on the International Bridge at *Nuevo Laredo*, you follow the Pan-American Highway (Route 85) over 45 miles of arid, cactus-covered terrain—one of the longest straight stretches of highway in the world—to Vallecillo, where the highway leads into the foothills of the Sierra Madres, and then over Mamulique Pass (elevation 2,280 feet).

Ancient Pyramids of Sun and Moon, an important archeological discovery, are at San Juan Teotihuacan, near Mexico City.

Monterrey, situated in a broad valley with mountains to the south and west, is Mexico's industrial capital and third-largest city (population 339,634). Here you can play golf or tennis at the Monterrey Country Club or swim at the Foreign Club (both clubs are free to visitors). There's a free rodeo at the Rancho Charro each Sunday morning, and bullfights at the city's two large arenas Sunday afternoons. Natural attractions outside the city include Chipinque Mesa, where there is a mountain resort, Huasteca Canyon, and the Garcia Caves.

Driving south from Monterrey, you'll pass through beautiful Huajuco Canyon to El Cercado, from which a winding, dry-weather road leads west four miles to Horsetail Falls. Highway 85 then cuts through the hilly, fruit-farming district around Montemorelos to Linares, the center of a prosperous ranching region. Continuing south, always within sight of the Sierra Madre mountains to the west, you'll see women washing clothes in the Rio Santa Lucia, and beyond Tomaseno you'll cross the Rio Purificacion on a 900-foot steel bridge.

Ciudad Victoria is the capital of the State of Tamaulipas and site of the State Agricultural College. The surrounding countryside is particularly scenic, and it affords excellent hunting and fishing areas. About 30 miles south of the city, Highway 85 crosses the Tropic of Cancer, and enters the Torrid Zone. In the next seven miles, you will climb 700 feet to the summit of Mesa de Llera, where you can get some good pictures of Indians living in thatch-roofed huts made of saplings. Then the road drops into El Limon, the lowest point on Highway 85 (elevation 197 feet), where truck farmers raise fields of sugar cane that's processed at the new, modern refinery in *Mante*, the center of a rich agricultural area that includes over 40,000 acres of irrigated land.

Side trip. About 93 miles east and south of Mante on State Highway 100 is *Tampico*, one of Mexico's finest seaports and center of a large oil-producing district on the Gulf of Mexico. Guides will lead you to the best places for hunting (quail, deer, duck, and wild turkey) or fishing (snook and tarpon).

Driving south from Mante on Highway 85 or west from Tampico on Highway 110, you'll reach Valles, an excellent overnight stop. Hotel dining rooms serve tree-ripened papayas and bananas and *huasteca* coffee, sweetened with cane

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How to have a dry basement

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Exterior water repellents you can buy

During construction or shortly after, (preferably as soon as the basement wall above the grade line has been cleaned and allowed to dry thoroughly) a heavy brush coat of transparent silicone-base water repellent of 5 to 5½ percent silicone concentration should be used.

This protects the parts of the wall that will be exposed after the fill is made. Good materials won't affect the appearance of the wall.

If the building is concrete or cinder block and the wall will be painted, the silicone material will make an excellent prime coat.

Better still, a coat of high grade exterior masonry paint, preferably with silicones added, may be used. It comes in colors.

Drain tiles—scored so they can be split in half with cold chisel—are another good way to channel water from foundation. Use where long lengths of pipe won't work. Walks, driveways next to foundation are often water traps. Reposition or replace.

Control water seepage and dampness inside

Damp basement walls are the result of moisture condensation and/or water seepage.

Proper ventilation is the answer to the first problem; a good silicone or cement-base paint is the answer to the second.

But first you have to make *sure* that the drainage system outside is doing its job, and that you don't have huge cracks in the wall that let in water.

A basement wall that has been properly built will keep out running water, provided the mortar joints are tight and the water pressure behind it isn't great enough to force the water through.

Your basement can be damp and not have any seepage or leaks at all.

This condition is usually caused by the warm, wet air in the basement striking the cold walls; it vanishes when humidity drops.

Another situation which causes dampness is poor ventilation. Unvented dryers, washing machines with inadequate drainage, leaky faucets, and so on all increase the moisture content in your basement which condenses when it hits cold walls and pipes.

Reposition splash blocks. Those that slope toward foundation should be lifted with bricks and sand or gravel so they tilt from foundation. Use pipe, if needed, to eliminate excess water, especially when drainage is jammed between house and walks.

Few shovelfuls of dirt in low spots along foundation often stop water seepage. Also, check lawn for low spots which are result of settling of fill dirt. In extreme cases, lot may have to be regraded to keep water from foundation of house.

If your home is brick, block or stone, inspect mortar joints above grade for water damage. Water entering here may appear below on interior walls. To repair, clean joint and wet it with water. Then force in new mortar with joint filler.

Inside, fill cracks ⅛ inch wide or larger with 1 part cement and 2 parts fine sand mixed to fairly stiff consistency. If water is running out crack, plug it with quick-setting patching material. Calk cracks between wall and floor. Undercut; clean.

Brush or spray (check directions on can) waterproofing material on wall. Some materials require damp or wet wall first. Remove loose mortar, refill the joint, dirt; sweep clean. Remove old paint.

For moisture, dehumidifiers remove excess water from air. Especially in small ventilation areas. Control evaporation by repairing leaky faucets, drain cocks, defective valves or steam-heating systems.

Wrap pipes and tanks so condensation won't form on them and drip on floor. You can buy several kinds of coverings for this—glass-fiber sleeves, asbestos tape, and nondrip tape (shown here).

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It's a mobile storage rack!

By Dave Swartwout

Most of the materials for mobile storage rack can be precut to size at lumberyard for little extra cost.

Casters let you move unit out of the way after it's loaded. Handle (arrow) is located low for balance in pulling unit forward.

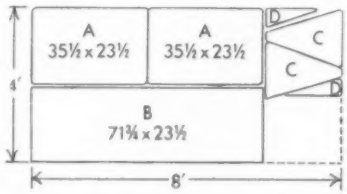
What is the greatest shortcoming in your house? We can almost hear the cry: "Too little storage!"

Here's one highly versatile answer—a mobile storage rack. It's designed for the unexpected items usually not provided for in old *or* new houses—the things often stuffed into garment bags, re-stuffed into overworked hall closets. And while you're making an inventory, how about out-of-season clothing? Sports gear? Blankets?

Shoes and bedding stay dust-free in the covered base compartments. Clothing hangs on rod in plastic garment bags.

A basement or attic is fine for storage, but it may be damp or dusty. And usually there are few provisions for hanging. The mobility of this storage unit lets you roll it easily out of sight or into the light. Casters raise it high enough if yours is a damp basement floor. It's ideal used in the laundry as a drying rack, an ironing aid.

Use stock lumber, 4x8 sheet of hardboard, follow these steps:

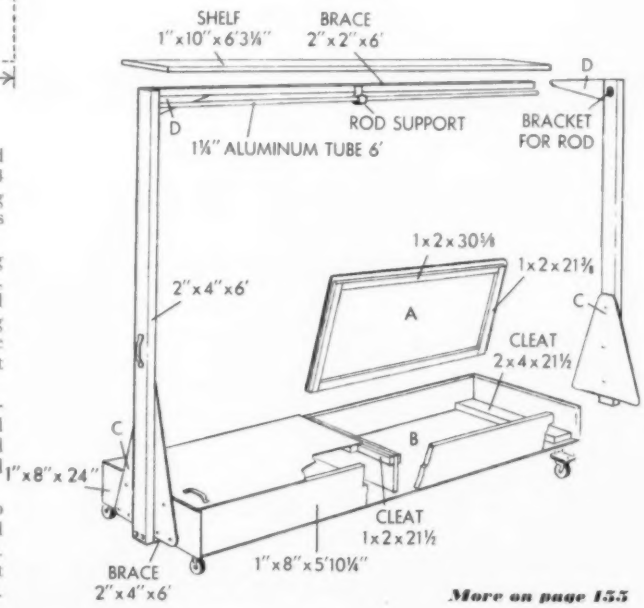


Start with the storage box. Glue and nail the two 1x8 end pieces to the 2x4 cleats; then, glue and nail the long 1x8 side pieces to the ends of cleats and ends of the box.

Center partition is next, including the two 1x2s along the top edge. Then, ⅛-inch hardboard bottom (B) is glued and nailed to framework (including center partition). Glue and nail the 2x4 brace under center of box so it protrudes ⅛ inch to each end.

For uprights, cut the large hardboard gussets (C) to shape; glue and nail the gussets to the 2x4 vertical posts 1⅝ inches above the bottom end of the posts.

Next, glue and nail the 2x2 brace to the underside of the 1x10 shelf. Add the two top gussets (D) to the 2x2. Top gussets protrude 1⅝ inches at each end. Fasten rod support to 2x2.



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Can you press clothes without using a pressing cloth?	☐	☐
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Can you launder a blanket after breakfast and sleep under it that night?	☐	☐
Is your dryer vent-free and your laundry moisture-free?	☐	☐
Can you iron a ruffled curtain in four minutes, sitting down?	☐	☐
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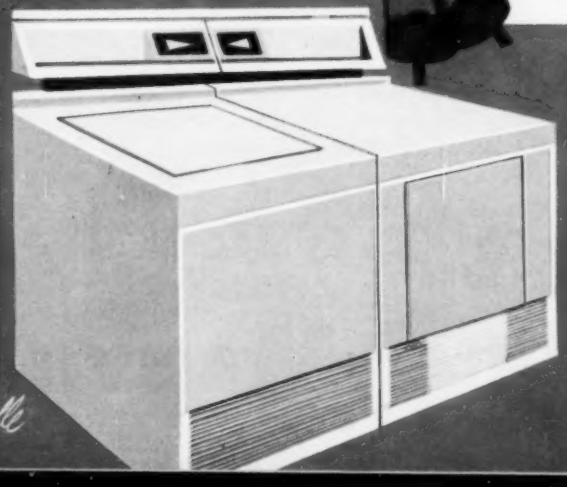

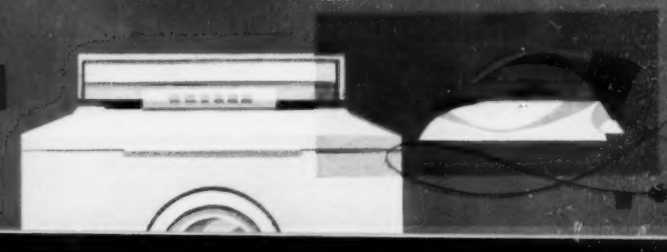

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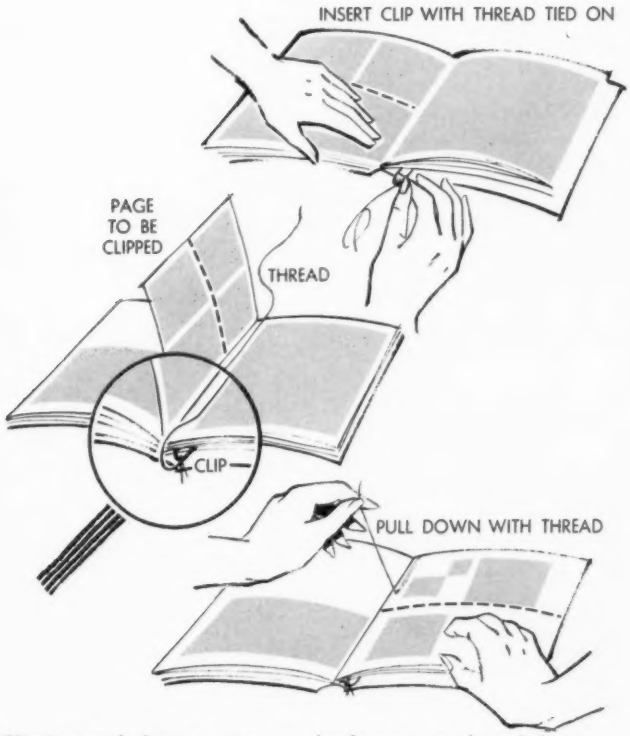

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Mobile storage rack

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Glue and fasten the base gussets to the 1x8 storage box. Use ¾-inch No. 10 roundhead screws. From inside the box, drive a flathead screw into the post. Finally, screw the shelf in position using ¾-inch No. 10 roundhead screws through the top gussets to posts. Fasten cabinet handle to the upright at top of the gusset plate.

Now, the storage rack is ready for mobility. Screw casters through the bottom into the 2x4 cleats in ends of storage box. For added strength, run two 3-inch lag screws through the 2x4 verticals into the 2x4 bottom brace. Then, use one 3-inch lag screw through the vertical 2x4s into the 2x2 shelf brace at each end.

Build the loose lids (A) of ⅛-inch hardboard backed by 1x2 framing. Allow about ⅛ inch in each direction for clearance with sides of the box. Add two cabinet handles to each top.

Finally, fasten clothes rod brackets on uprights for 1¼-inch diameter aluminum or wood rod. Center support for rod is optional.

Materials needed to build portable closet

Number of pieces	Size	Use
3	2x4x6 feet	posts, bottom brace
2	2x4x21½ inches	box end cleats
1	2x2x6 feet	shelf brace
1	1x10x6 feet, 3¼ inches	shelf
2	1x8x24 inches	box ends
2	1x8x70¼ inches	box sides
1	1x8x21½ inches	box center piece
4	1x2x21⅜ inches	lid frame
4	1x2x30⅝ inches	lid frame
2	1x2x21½ inches	center cleats
1	⅛x23½x71¾ inches from 4x8 hardboard panel	bottom
2	⅛x23½x35½ inches from 4x8 hardboard panel	lids
4	⅛-inch gussets from 4x8 hardboard panel	upright supports
1	1¼-inch aluminum tube dowel x 6 feet	clothes pole
4	heavy duty casters	mobility
4	utility cabinet handles	lids and pull

Miscellaneous nails, screws, and glue

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Put space to work with screens

By Thomas Nanney and Richard Nunn

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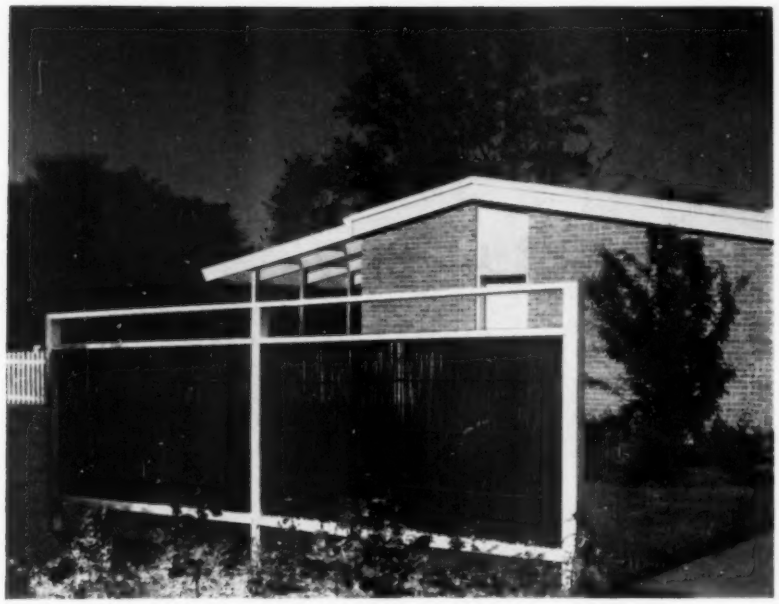
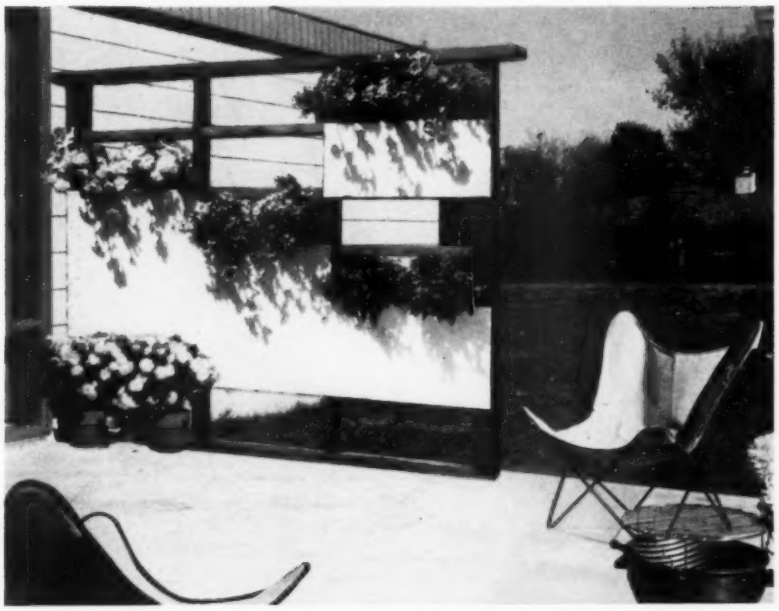
But the most important thing they can do is give you practical living space—outside. You already have the space on your lot. Screens help you use it.

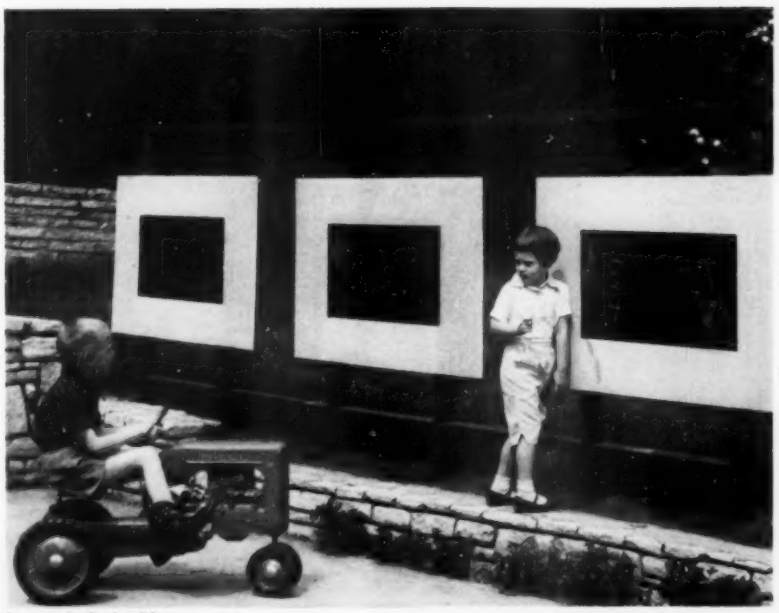
First, screens give you immediate privacy. Second, they divide land space into working and living areas—so you can relax without viewing the family wash flopping in the sun.

With careful planning, you can make one screen do more than one job. If it doesn't do *any* job, don't build it. Screens are too expensive to build as a mere ornament.

Screens do not have to be big to do a job well. An 18-foot screen offers you as much privacy as one twice as long 18 feet away. Nor do screens need to be tall—the critical screening zone is from eye level to about 2 feet above the ground.







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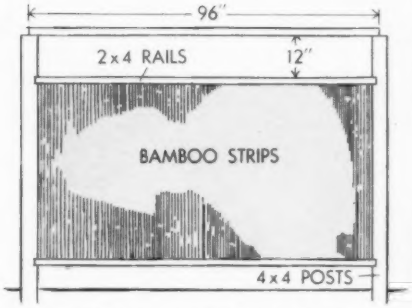
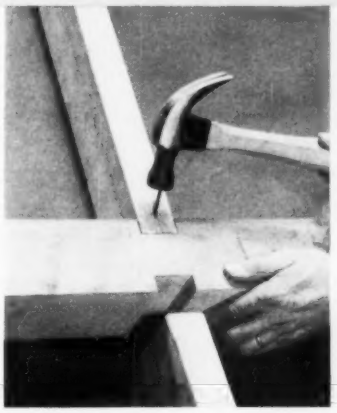
Build a simple frame, insert ordinary bamboo plant stakes, and you've got your screen



Start with 8-foot posts. Attach 2x4 rails before setting in concrete. After concrete sets, insert canes, and lash together. The green, pencil-thick canes are available in 1000-unit bundles at florist supply houses.

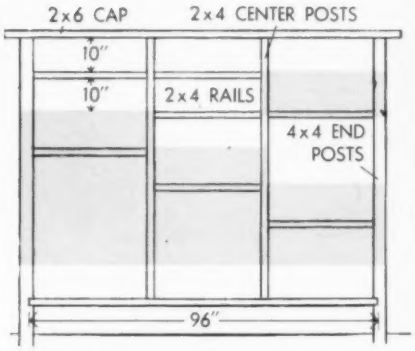


Toenail interior rails, 94 inches long, to posts, in one-inch dadoes. Add 2x4 cap rail after you set posts. Spacing between rails should be one-fourth inch more than length of the canes.

Canes ride in channels made by quarter-round molding. Half fill channel with calking compound and snap canes in place. Alternate ends—one big end, one small—to compensate size differences.

When channel is full, canes will be uneven. To correct, sandwich the canes between three rows of horizontal stakes. Cinch with wire.

No fence this, but a real outside wall that's opened up to form "window planters"



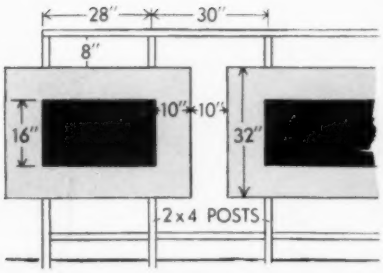
Assemble this screen on ground. Set posts last. Use butt joints throughout, except for bottom rail which should be dadoed for extra strength. Give both plywood and frame a coat of wood preservative before assembly.

Nail cap to 8-foot posts first, overlapping ends 4 inches. Use scrap shims to hold posts in position for centering cap. Fence will be 6 feet high not counting clearance at bottom.

After you fasten bottom rail, fence forms a rectangle. Divide this into three equal parts with two 2x4 center posts. Toenail 2x4 crosspieces to form planting pockets, grid pattern.

Mark stair-step pattern on ¼-inch exterior plywood with framing square so steps are 10 inches deep; sides are flush with faces of 2x4s.

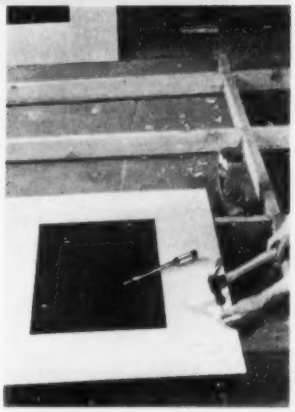
This blackboard screen starts with one 4x8-foot sheet of asbestos-cement board



Asbestos-cement board was chosen because it gives a "slatey" surface for chalk. Tempered hardboard would also be a good choice. Six-foot posts will be adequate if they are set in concrete—otherwise, use 8-footers.

To make blackboard screens, divide 4x8-foot sheet of asbestos-cement board into three panels, each 32 inches wide and 48 inches long. You can cut this material with handsaw or power outfit.

Mask off rectangle, in center of each panel, measuring 28¾ inches long, 16 inches high. For chalk surface, use two coats of blackboard paint. Otherwise, any good exterior finish will do.



Top and bottom rails are 48 inches apart, inside. Stain and seal frame with weather-resistant finish before you nail on panel screens.

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A house with space and style

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Neat corridor kitchen is around corner from living room and porch, adjoining dining area. Four large windows bring lots of light into this work space and give a view of what's going on in front.

There's plenty of counter space and a flanking dishwasher-sink combination. More storage is located on opposite wall. Change from pattern of terrazzo to striped vinyl separates kitchen and dining.

Weiss children enjoy bedrooms that convert into a large play area—the folding door that separates them is pushed back. Floor here is a cork pattern resilient tile. Rooms have large windows of both fixed and ventilating glass. Wood paneling is same as that in living area.

Brick, which forms end walls, could have been left exposed. It's built in a double course with hollow core for insulation.

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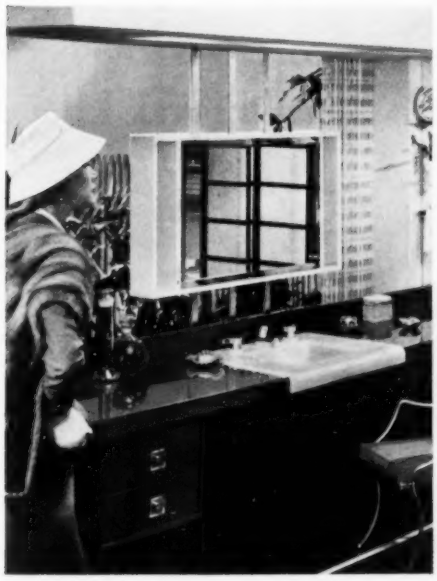

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From Tamazunchale, the highway winds upward nearly 5,000 feet in 60 miles to Jalaca, the halfway mark on your trek over the Sierra Madres. It's best to make this climb between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. so fog doesn't mar your view of the terrain. Leaving Jalaca, the road passes through oak and pine forests into beautiful Marble Gorge, then to Zimapan, where you can visit picturesque native markets on Sunday, market day.

Actopan, farther south, is the jumping-off place for tourists interested in visiting Tula, the ancient capital of the Toltecs (650 A.D.) recently excavated by archeologists. This area lies 34 miles west of Actopan on State 19.

From Highway 85, the best way to enter *Mexico City* is to bear right on North Insurgentes Boulevard, which leads into the center of the Republic of Mexico's capital and largest city (population 2,233,709), one of the most interesting cities in the world.

A government-licensed guide can be particularly helpful during your first few days in Mexico City. He'll show you the best places to shop for silver, hand-wrought jewelry, lacquer ware, leather goods, serapes, linen, baskets, and pottery. He can also take you on a tour of the city's principal points of interest—the Zocolo, seat of the government since the time of the Aztecs; the Cathedral, the largest in North America; the Museum of Religious Art; the Aztec ruins; the National Palace; the National Museum, with its displays of jewelry, pottery, and archeological findings; the Palace of Fine Arts; Amameda (central park); Chapultepec Park and Palace, the home of Maximilian and Carlotta; the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico's most revered religious shrine; and the magnificent University City.

Mexico City is also the center of the country's sports world. There are bullfights each Sunday afternoon, horse racing on Thursdays and Saturdays, rodeos Sunday mornings, baseball and football in season, jai-alai, and frequent colorful exhibitions of native dancing.

The numerous side trips that can originate in Mexico City are described later in this article.

To continue on the Eastern loop, leave Mexico City on Highway 15. This road takes you to Toluca, whose Carmen Market, one of the largest and most interesting in Mexico, is open on Fridays. Pottery, bright colored baskets, serapes, and blankets are among the products sold here by Indians.

Driving west of Toluca, you'll pass through Zitacuaro, noted for its native wood-carvings, across the San Juan El Viejo bridge (265 feet above the canyon floor), then to the magnificent "View of 1,000 Peaks" in Atzimba National Park.

Morelia's attractions include a particularly beautiful cathedral that required over a century to build, a lofty aqueduct constructed in 1789, and native markets that feature jewelry, colorful peasant blouses, pottery, lacquer ware, and wood-work.

West of Morelia, Mexico 235 branches south to Lake Patzcuaro, where native fishermen use picturesque butterfly nets from boats, and you may want to make a short side trip in this area.

Guadalajara, which is reached by following Highway 15 around the shore of Lake Chapala, is Mexico's second largest city (population 377,928). It combines ancient charm with modern streets, fine buildings, and beautiful, flower-decked plazas. The city's market features hand-blown glassware, pottery, hats, and textiles.

From Guadalajara, Highway 80 goes northeast 123 miles to *Lagos de Moreno*, where you have a choice of two routes to Saltillo. Mexico 45 takes you by way of *Aguascalientes*, *Zacatecas*, and *Durango*, where Mexico 40 connects you with *Torreon* and *Saltillo*. The alternate route is via Mexico's so-called "New Road," Highway 75, which takes you through San Luis Potosi, twice the seat of the national government. The "New Road" route is all black-top paved and 268 miles shorter than the old Zacatecas-Durango route, but there are several long stretches where no repair facilities are available, and where overnight accommodations are at a premium.

Saltillo is particularly interesting for its native crafts—rebozos, serapes, silver, copper, brasswork, and tin masks. The Battle of Buena Vista was fought between the Mexican and American forces near here in 1847.

From Saltillo, Mexico 75 goes north for 274 miles to the international border between *Piedras Negras* and Eagle Pass, Texas.

Mexico via the Western Loop

In general, the Western loop is over good, fast, all black-top roads.

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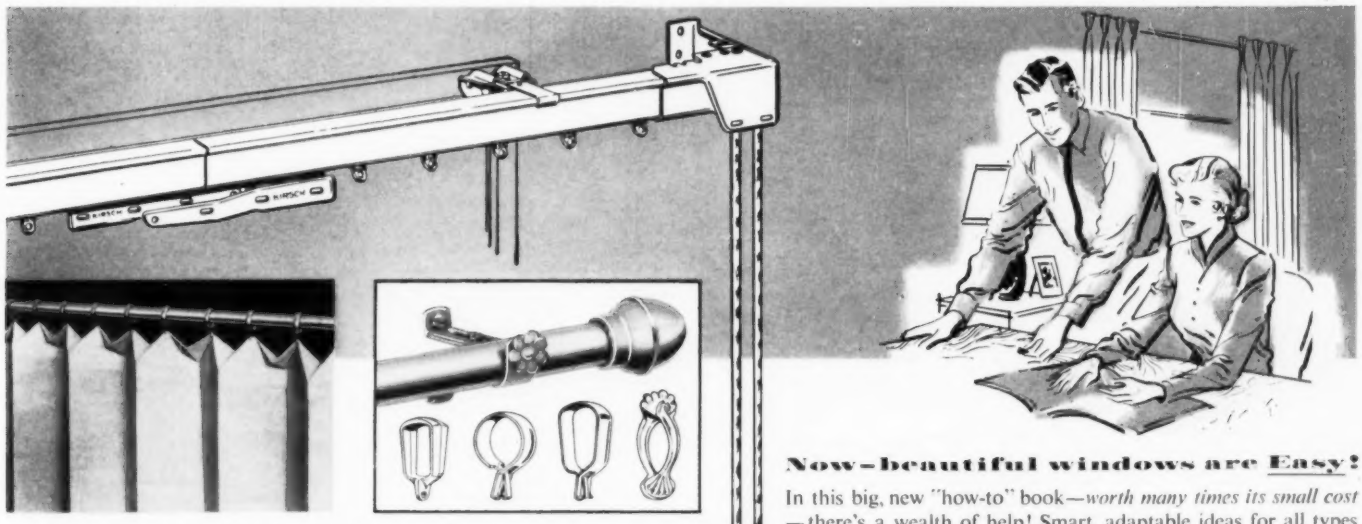

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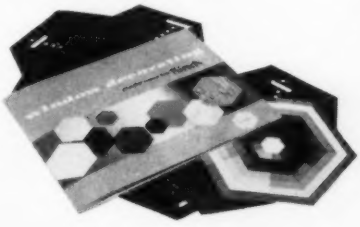

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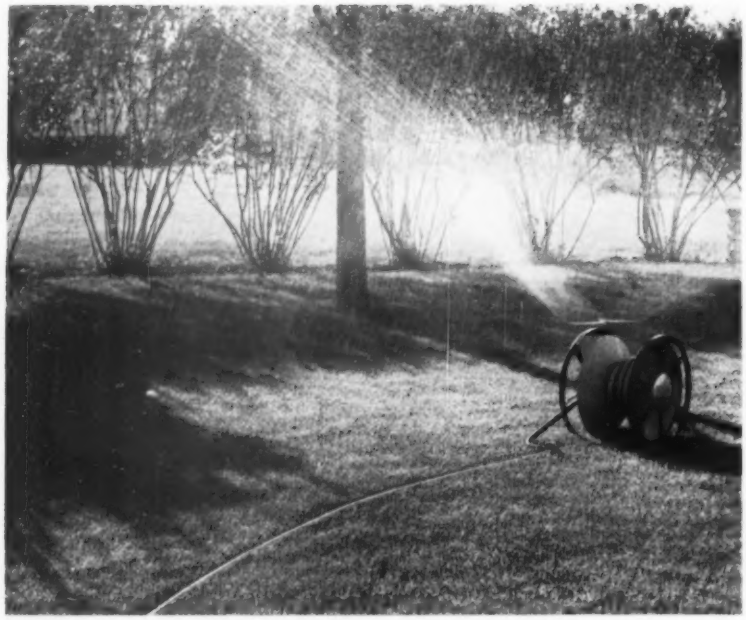

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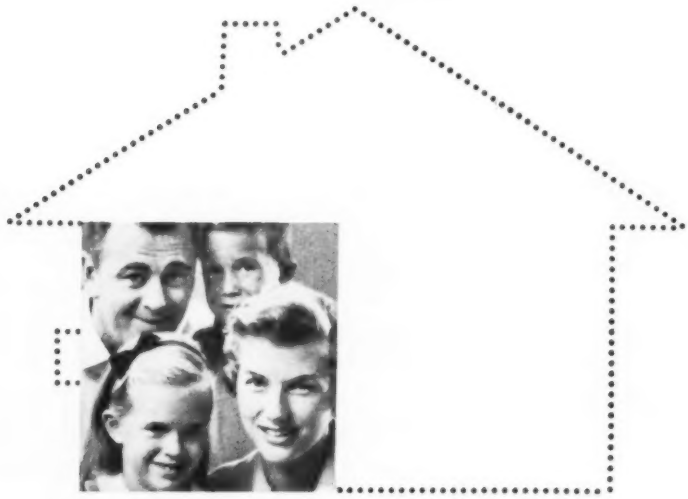

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There are, however, 10 steel and concrete bridges under construction, and temporary one-way wooden bridges will be used while work is in progress. There are also stretches of highway between Hermosillo and Mazatlan where gasoline is scarce; you can avoid trouble, though, by filling up in larger towns along the way.

Traveling the Western loop, you will cross the international border at *Nogales*, and take Highway 15 south to *Hermosillo*, the capital of Sonora and an important winter resort. Dates and citrus fruit are the principal crops here.

Guaymas, long a favorite city for sports fishermen, is built around a lovely, landlocked harbor. Deep-sea fishing, especially for marlin and sailfish, flourishes all year round, and boats and guides are always available to point out the best spots. Guaymas is an ideal overnight stop from which an early morning departure is necessary to reach Mazatlan in one day. The driving time between these two cities, which are 488 miles apart, is about 11 hours. The road is good, but lacks scenic interest.

Mazatlan, located 14 miles below the Tropic of Cancer, offers deep-sea fishing (marlin and sailfish), hunting (deer, duck, and wild boar), swimming, boating, water skiing, and sailing. The city is noted for its beautiful sunsets, and a horse-drawn *arana* provides an interesting way to sight-see, both in the city and from heights overlooking the ocean.

From Mazatlan, Highway 15 goes south through Tepic to *Guadalajara* and *Mexico City*. (For a description of this section of the country, refer to "Mexico via the Eastern Loop.")

Leaving Mexico City, retrace your route to Toluca, where Mexico 71 will take you to Mexico 45 and Queretaro.

Queretaro street vendors sell opals and amethysts from local hillside mines, and at the edge of this city is the site where Maximilian and his staff were captured and executed in 1868. The Church of San Francisco here dates from 1545.

On your way north, you may want to visit Guanajuato, 15 miles off Highway 45, an old Spanish-Indian silver mining city with narrow stairway streets, balconied windows, and lovely parks. The ancient catacombs of Pantheon here are unique in Mexico.

Highway 45 goes north through *Lagos de Moreno* (where Mexico 80 will lead you southwest to Guadalajara or northeast to San Luis Potosi) to Aguascalientes.

Aguascalientes is located near the haciendas where Mexico's famous black bulls are bred for the fight rings, and the Chamber of Commerce will arrange visits there. The city's native markets feature exquisite hand-drawn linen work.

At *Zacatecas*, which is bisected by a picturesque 18th Century aqueduct, you can get permission to visit mines where primitive methods are still used to produce silver. The partially excavated ruins of Chicomoztoc, about 50 miles northwest of the city, mark the site of the oldest Aztec city (1171-78).

Durango, famous in this country as the production site of many Hollywood motion pictures, has a 700-foot hill of solid iron, one of the world's largest single deposits.

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Between Durango and Parral, the highway is undergoing extensive repair. Even so, the driving time over this 262 miles of varied terrain is only five or six hours.

Parral is the city where rebel general Pancho Villa was assassinated after escaping an American punitive expedition in 1916. Thousands of Indians were forced to operate local mines here during the Spanish conquest, and mule-drawn ore wagons are still in use.

Chihuahua, the leading city of north-central Mexico, has long been famous as the breeding place of the world's smallest dogs. Pancho Villa's home, which is open to visitors, has in its patio the car in which Villa was riding when he was shot.

From Chihuahua, it is 235 miles north to the international boundary between *Ciudad Juarez* and *El Paso, Texas*.

Trips out of Mexico City

1. *Cuernavaca—Taxco—Acapulco.* The toll road from Mexico City to Cuernavaca is Mexico's finest highway, and it offers spectacular views of the twin volcanoes—Ixtaccihuatl and Popocatepetl—to the east, and Mexico City to the north. The view of the Valley of Mexico is also magnificent, especially at night.

Cuernavaca, the ancient summer residence of Aztec kings, is a charming city of colorful homes and lovely flowers. Among the most popular attractions are Cortes's Palace with its Diego Rivera murals, the Cathedral, Borda Gardens (summer home of Maximilian and Carlotta), and Teopanzolca Pyramid.

From Cuernavaca, the toll road continues south to Amacuzac, where a turnoff winds through the mountains to Taxco.

Taxco, the fabulous silver town whose red roofs and quaint charm have made it a national monument, is noted for its hand-wrought silver, tinware, and carved furniture. Market day is Sunday, and no visitor should miss it. You'll also want to see the church with an altar of solid silver.

South of Taxco, Mexico 95 leads to Iguala, the birthplace of Mexican Independence, then through the 22-mile-long Zopilote Canyon and across the Papagayo River before descending to the coast.

Acapulco deserves its title, "Riviera of the Americas." Its incomparable blue harbor, tropical flowers, and perfect climate have made it one of North America's leading resort cities. You'll find wide streets, modern stores, and super de luxe hotels and motels here. Sports fishing (marlin, swordfish, barracuda, sailfish, and bonito), water skiing, swimming, sailing, golf, jai-alai, and the high-divers at the Quebrada are all of special interest, and you'll certainly want to go on a sunset cruise of Acapulco harbor.

2. *Puebla—Fortin de las Flores—Veracruz.* East of Mexico City, Route 190 winds upward through pine forests of the Sierra Madres to the 10,486-foot continental divide, where you can get a splendid view of the volcanoes to the south. Then the road drops into the Puebla Valley, through San Martin Texmelucan, and into Puebla.

Puebla, Mexico's fourth-largest city (population 211,285), has long been famous for ceramic tiles, Talavera pottery, and onyx work. It was here, on May 5, 1862, that a small Mexican army defeated a numerically superior French force, bringing about the downfall of Maximilian's regime.

From Puebla, Mexico 150 goes southeast, then hooks northeast through rich agricultural country where primitive and modern farming exist side by side. To the north can be seen Mexico's highest volcano, Orizaba, which is 18,855 feet high. Then the road drops almost 2,000 feet in five miles to enter Orizaba Valley, one of the most beautiful in Mexico, where you'll find orange groves, sugar cane, coffee and banana plantations, orchids, azaleas, and tropical birds.

Fortin de las Flores ("Fortress of the Flowers") is a lovely resort town famous for its abundance of tropical fruits and flowers. Thousands of fragrant gardenias, cut fresh each morning from the nearby jungle, line the surface of the swimming pool at the ultramodern Hotel Ruiz-Galindo.

Veracruz, Mexico's leading seaport, was founded by Cortes in 1519. The city's main attractions are on the waterfront—busy docks, a promenade, the museum, and lighthouses. The ancient fortress of San Juan de Ulua, which can be reached by boat, was the scene of violent military and naval action against the Spaniards (1825), French (1846-47), and Americans (1914). Sports fishing (particularly for tarpon), swimming, and boating are other attractions here.

For a different route, return to Mexico City via Mexico 140 and State 18 through Jalapa, Zacatepec, Apizaco, and Texcoco.

3. *Puebla—Oaxaca.* From the west edge of Puebla, Highway 190 goes through the mountains for 260 miles (about six or seven hours' driving) to Oaxaca. Good restaurants along the way are scarce, and it is wise to carry an extra five gallons of gasoline.

Oaxaca, in the "Valley of the Giants" and surrounded by the Sierra Madres, is a colorful old city well known for Indian craftwork—pottery, carved idols, brightly colored native toys, and handmade filigree pearl or coral jewelry. Mar-

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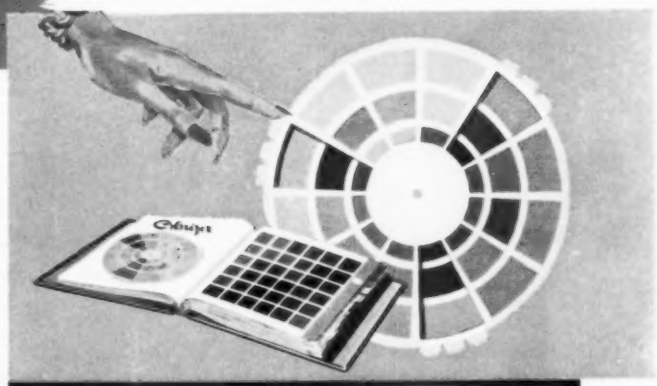

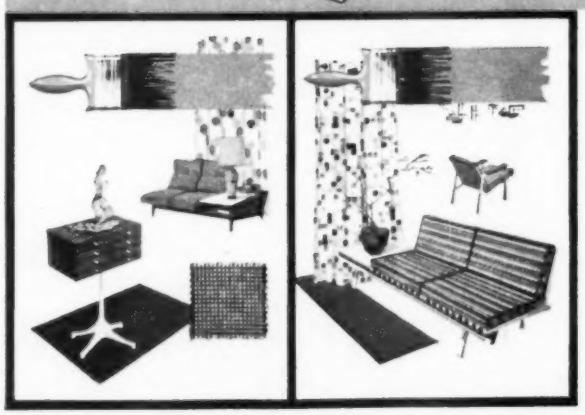

ket day is Saturday, when Oaxaca's unique parking area for burros is crowded. The National Institute of Anthropology and History, featuring the exquisite Monte Alban jewels; the Cathedral; and the Santo Domingo Church are of particular interest. The churchyard in the village of El Tule, six miles southeast of Oaxaca, has a giant green cypress tree said to be the world's oldest living thing (estimated age: 3,000 years; base circumference: 160 feet). Also near Oaxaca are the Monte Alban ruins, from which have come many priceless archeological treasures.

No matter which route you take through Mexico—and regardless of what side trips you go on—your visit south is bound to be an enjoyable one. Chances are, as soon as you get home you'll start planning a second trip to take in the things you missed the first time.

Tips to tourists in Mexico

• Be sure your car is in first-class operating condition. Six-ply tires are a decided advantage, particularly if your car is heavily loaded, and carrying an extra fan belt is a good idea.

• Gasoline sells at roughly ⅓ less than in the United States, and two grades—Mexolina and Super-Mexolina—are available throughout the country. Your credit card will not be honored in Mexico.

• Repair services are available in all larger towns, but are scarce in smaller communities. Garages sell good, six-ply tires at prices slightly under those in the United States.

• Travelers' checks are the most convenient way of carrying money. There is no difficulty exchanging them for Mexican currency at the border or at hotels, service stations, stores, and restaurants throughout the country.

• Don't worry about the language barrier. You'll find English spoken at all leading hotels, motels, and restaurants. Most menus are printed in both English and Spanish.

• Membership in your local automobile club is a big help. They can supply you with dependable guidebooks, maps, and accommodation directories that will be invaluable.

• You can have mail forwarded to you at the United States Embassy in Mexico City. The embassy is located at 45 Paseo de la Reforma, and is open between 8:30 and 5:30, Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 35-95-10, and there is an officer on duty at all hours to handle emergencies.

• English-speaking doctors and dentists, many of them specialists trained in American universities, are located in all of the larger cities.

Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else; this is not advice, it is merely custom.

—Mark Twain

Treat your windows

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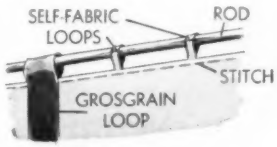
Heading for ribbon and tassel trimmed curtain is made by extending ribbon into loops, and sewing on loops of curtain fabric.

Ribbon loops are easily made by extending each strip of grosgrain sufficiently beyond border to form loop large enough for rod to slip through easily.

Raw edge is turned under ¼-inch and loop is stitched with matching thread—here black.

Make narrow self-fabric loops same length as ribbon loops, and attach at spaced intervals between grosgrain loops. Sew with thread color of curtain fabric.

Both grosgrain and self-fabric loops give an unbroken effect to curtain by carrying the same colors up over the rod.



Felt clown is glued to curtain with glue recommended for porous material. It will not penetrate, holds fabrics together firmly.

Each piece is glued separately. Pin clown in exact position you want. To keep accurate placement when you glue, leave half of the piece pinned to curtain.

Turn other half back, laying a sheet of paper over curtain to protect it from the glue. Spread glue over surface of this half, press in place on curtain.

Now glue other half of piece the same way. When entire clown is glued, press with warm iron.

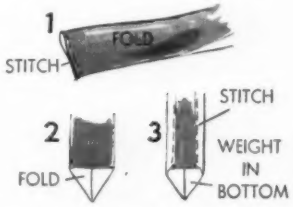
Clip-on panels are simple to finish, can be any width which adapts to fabric you choose and to proportions of curtain.

Just make sure to have balanced pattern centered on each strip. Cut strips for panels double the finished width you want.

Fold lengthwise, right sides of fabric together, stitch ¼-inch seam across ends—figure (1).

Now turn right side out. You have a "trough," one long side open. Grasp short ends, bring them down flat against wrong side of strip. This forms the mitered points (see figure 2).

Turn in hems on sides, stitch as shown in figure (3). Slip a weight into bottom point of each panel.



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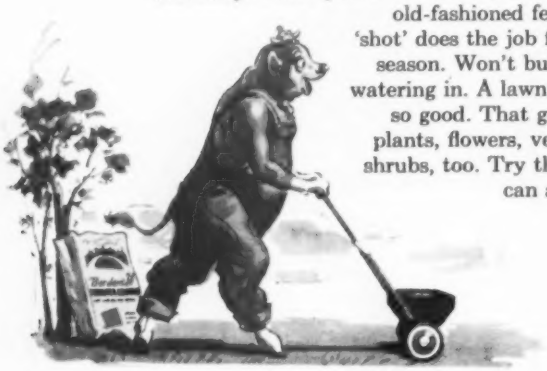

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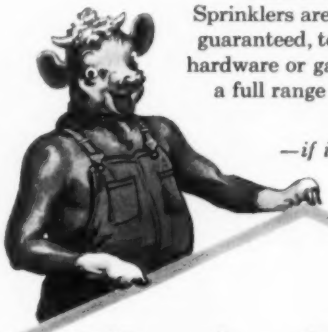

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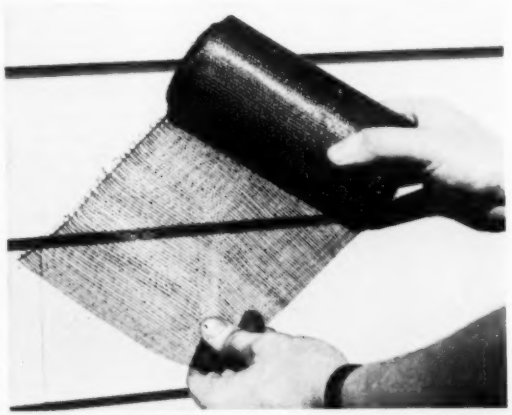
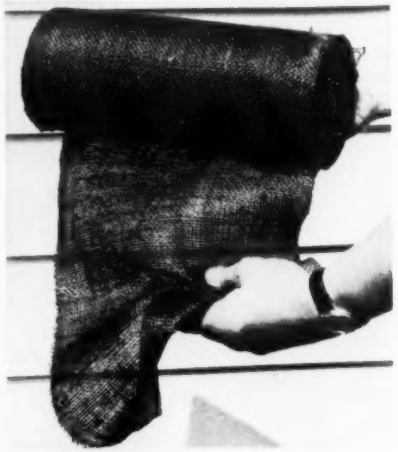


Addition of asphalt-saturated glass fiber membrane (above) or jute increases the ability of the asphalt coating to bridge cracks in the wall for later settling or expansion.

These materials are readily available at most building-supply centers, and are fairly inexpensive. Buy the glass fiber if you can — job lasts years longer for small extra cost.



Precut membrane to fit the repair, overlapping at least six inches at the ends, and embed smoothly in the coating, using dry brush or flat tool.

Use shears or scissors to cut the membrane. Clean the asphalt off the tools immediately.

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Cut along dotted lines

Spot the damage on the interior basement wall first. Look for cracks, crumbling mortar joints, and water marks.

When you locate the faulty joint, count the units from the end wall and down from the sill. By using these "through-wall landmarks," you can quickly locate the crack on the outside.

Excavate wide enough to allow working space; excavate deep enough to reach the entire area to be patched.

A tarp on the ground will protect your grass from the excavated dirt and will make backfilling much easier.

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How to repair a leaky foundation

If the techniques shown on page 139 fail to solve your wet basement problem, exterior repairs will close the gaps where water enters

Waterproof coatings, and other blanket repair and preventive methods, usually are effective in stopping basement leaks caused by seepage or tiny, hairline cracks.

But leaks caused by faulty and broken masonry joints require more thorough treatment—in addition to the coatings—to ensure lasting results.

There are several tested techniques you can use to repair these openings in your foundation. The ones we show here, however, are probably the easiest for you to do. The materials are readily available at most building-supply houses; you probably already have the tools you'll need for the job in your workshop or tool kit.

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With a wide scraper or small, square-nosed marginal trowel, remove the dirt that's stuck to the foundation.

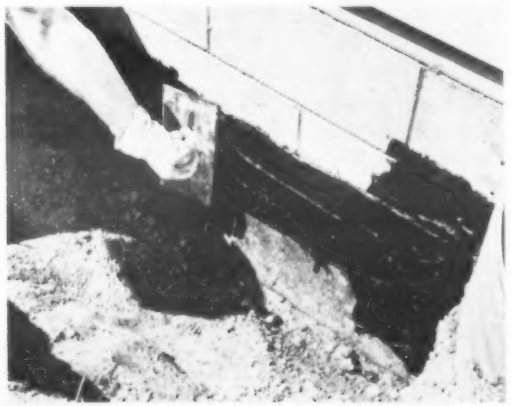
Get the surface as clean as possible: time spent here will pay off in a lasting repair job.

Use scraping tool to remove any loose parts of the cement parge coat at same time.

Scrub and rinse the surface thoroughly with pail of water and stiff brush—hose will make the excavation too muddy.

Chisel or rake out faulty joint and repoint with a 2½ to 1 mixture of sand and masonry cement unless less than ⅛ inch wide.

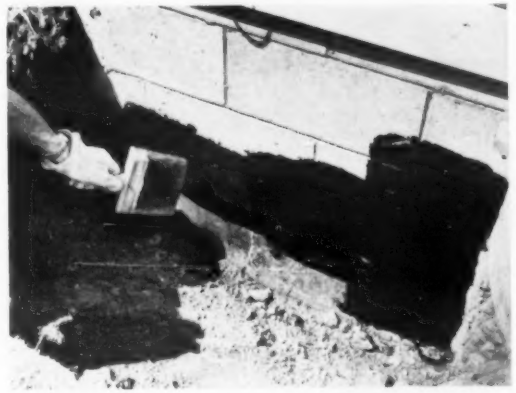
Asphalt roofing cement will bridge narrower cracks easily.



When the surface is *completely* dry, trowel on a fairly heavy coat of asphalt roofing cement (trowel consistency).

Cover the break, overlapping about six inches on all sides, troweling material lightly to obtain a smooth, even coating.

If you prefer, special material is available for wet surfaces.



Cover the membrane with a lighter coating of roofing cement. This coat should be brushed out carefully and evenly, with special attention to the edges.

Working in cold weather, it pays to keep cement warm to allow smooth, easy brushing.

Back of shovel should face the foundation as you refill the excavation, to prevent damage to the coating from falling dirt.

Tamp the backfill carefully, avoiding contact with the wall. Add more dirt wherever necessary to prevent low spots.

If your foundation is *really* in a bad way, you should excavate completely, patch the damaged joints, and apply asphalt cement and membrane to the entire wall.

Drain tile should be installed around the base of the basement and crawl-space walls if it wasn't installed by the builder.

Pitch the tile about ⅛ inch per foot—strips of asphalt building paper keep dirt out of joints.

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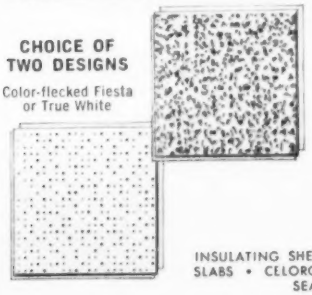

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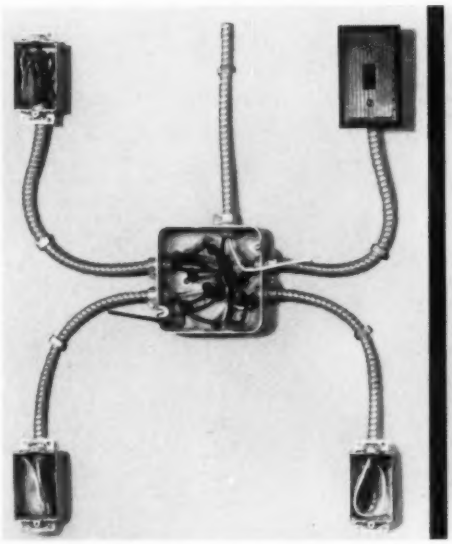
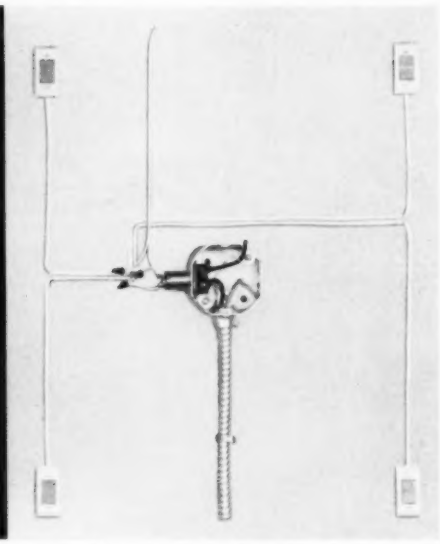


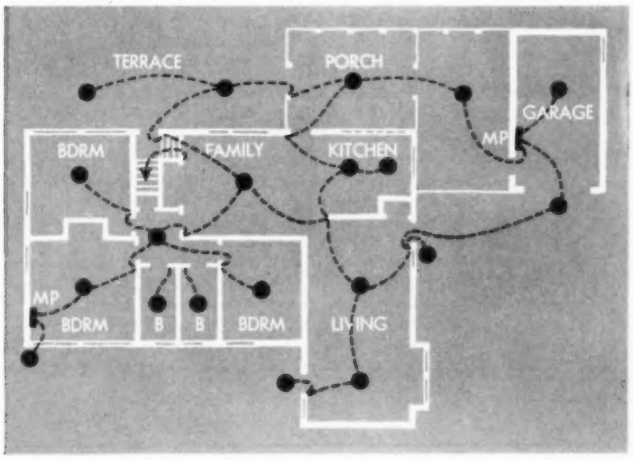
Conventional system requires expensive, four-way switches. There are four large wires running between the control points and a gang-box which connects to the fixture. These wires must be covered with flexible or rigid conduit everywhere.



Low-voltage system has 115-volt wire (conduit) only to fixture. Small tube to left is relay — part of switch here, instead of with bank of relays elsewhere. Thin 24-volt wire runs from inexpensive touchplate switches to activate relay.

Plan shows convenience possible with low voltage. Master control panels are in garage and master bedroom. You can light front door, inside of house with switch near car. Then garage light is turned off from inside. Enter any room and turn on light ahead, turn off one behind.

After retiring, you control all lights from panel by bed. Anything equal in conventional wiring system would be sky-high in cost.



By Tom Riley

One of the outstanding advances in electrical systems is low-voltage switching. You may have heard of it as "remote control," "l-v" (for low voltage), or "multicontrol switching." All of these labels fit the product.

Some folks have added a little confusion by calling this system low-voltage "wiring" instead of switching. True, it uses low-voltage "doorbell" wire leading from switches. But lights and outlets still feed from usual 115-volt current.

How does it work? You can compare low-voltage switching with your automobile's electrical system. When you press a car's starter, you're not working directly with the strong surge of electricity needed to operate the starter motor. A small spark of current travels from dashboard to a magnetic relay under the hood. This in turn commands the battery's full punch to start the engine.

In a house, you press a touchplate switch and a small (24-volt) flash of current notifies a relay (grouped near service entrance or in some systems right at the fixture). A magnetic switch then opens, and the full 115-volt current is sent to do whatever task you have in mind.

Simple as that! But why is this better than the standard method of switching? The one where a wall switch operates as a gate through which the actual current flows?

First, with low-voltage switching a dangerous shock at the switching point is no longer possible. Conceivably you might get a "tingle." But that's about it. This means that low-voltage switching is a natural for outdoor use, as well as in laundry, kitchen, workshop, or other areas where shock's more of a potential hazard.

The smaller current load allows much smaller wire than in a conventional system. This wire is easy to draw through a wall; it requires no rigid conduit or other bulky bindings and insulators. In remodelings you can conceal this inconspicuous wire along a molding—like telephone line. Or putty wires into grooves cut into plaster.

But the big feature—the thing that makes this system so popular in today's sprawled out, [*Turn to page 176*

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Low-voltage switching

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"ranch style" houses is its remote and multicontrol characteristics. To control one light from two points, conventionally, you have to double heavy, expensive 115-volt wire running between switches. To add a third control gets costly and complicated to the point that it's often avoided. Remote control over a great distance shoots cost up in a hurry when you're stringing out doubled Number-12 wire, plus conduit.

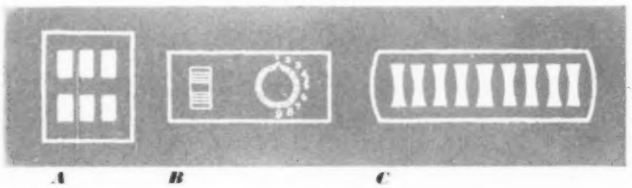
With low-voltage switching—where remember, one magnetic relay works the light—it's no trick to have a third or fourth control to every one of the lights, if you wish. And with cost of low-voltage wire and switches less, there's no reason you can't enjoy complete mastery of your house's lighting. This means an end to groping into a dark room, looking for a switch. You can enjoy a path of light ahead of you at all times, by lighting rooms before you enter, darkening them after you leave.

And the big plus: each low-voltage system comes with a master control panel where *all* lights can be flicked on or cut positively off . . . from bedside or other convenient central control point.

Costs of installing low-voltage switching in a medium-size house can run up to $100 more than a conventional system. But hold on! There's more here than meets your pocketbook. An *average* low-voltage system is *fully* adequate, with master control panel for whole house and switches everywhere. An *average* conventional system is just the opposite: it is the absolute minimum, since each extra light switch adds complication and cost. Costs of a low-voltage or a conventional system should be about the same in a small house—or in a house over 2,000 square feet (where long halls and large rooms necessitate multiswitching).

Some electrical contractors have charged more for a low-voltage system because it's new and their workers weren't familiar with it. Others dubbed low-voltage a deluxe job and charged more because they felt that people expected it. That's pretty well changed now on both counts, with more and more folks asking for low-voltage.

Are there any reasons to choose conventional switching? Yes, since the big advantage to low-voltage is its convenience, there's little point in using it in a house where multicontrol or remote switching is not desired. Also, in remodeling, where you plan to change only a few controls, it's best to work with system you have (just be sure it's adequate in circuits, fusing, and wiring).



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Master control panels, which operate lights all over house, come in variety of designs. They share features of unobtrusive, tasteful good looks, low cost, durable construction. One at left controls six lights merely by running your finger over six touchplates. Control can expand to dozen or more lights by adding touchplates.

Control in center has knob that turns to each light you desire to operate. To cut on or off you press button alongside. To light whole works, push button, twist dial from first to last point.

Control at right has switches with pronounced "off" and "on" positions. It has single button in center to turn on all others.

Many units now have a fluorescent glow to switch that's on to let you know a light you can't see is burning.

When planning the electrical system of a new home or a remodeling project, turn to your local utility company for assistance. They're stocked with informative booklets, staffed with informed personnel. Both can give plenty of advice—most of it for free. Their assistance can start you on the right track and save you time, money, and subsequent electrical worries.

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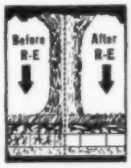

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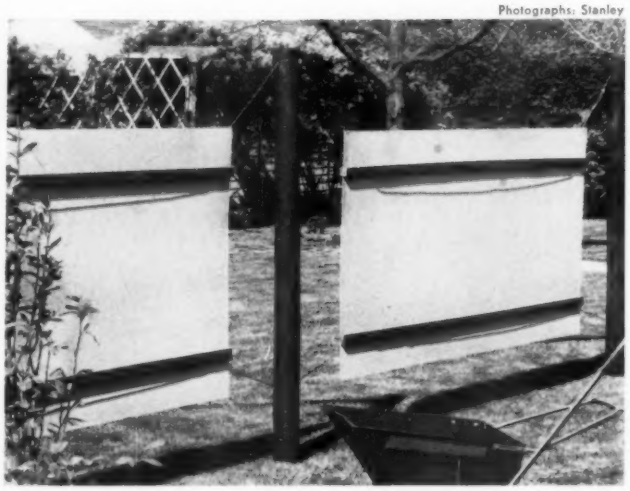
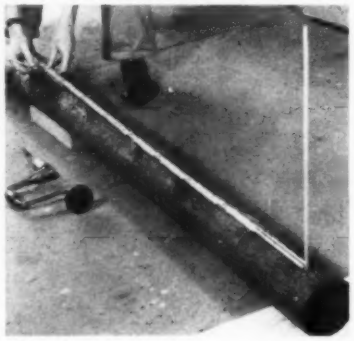


To build this screen, substitute ¼-inch galvanized cable for rails. Make panels from full 1x8-foot sheets of asbestos-cement boards, tempered hardboard, or exterior plywood.

Use creosoted posts, 8 feet long, 10 feet on center. They need not be set in concrete. Creosote the 1x2 braces before you attach them. This will give you a screen that requires no maintenance except an occasional twist of the turnbuckle.

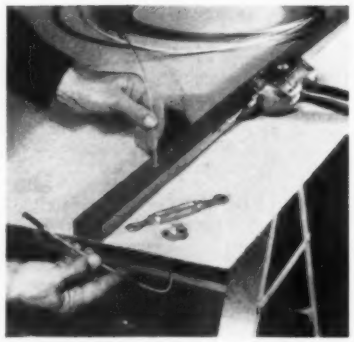


Before setting posts, drill two ⅜-inch holes in each, 5 feet apart. Drill top holes 4 inches from small end.

The cable threads through holes. Make V-block to hold posts steady. Use dowel as sight for drilling.

Mark off lines 7 inches from each side. Use lines to help position 1x2 cleats, which go on each side of panels.

Sandwich panels between the 1x2s, clamp in position, and drill holes 10 inches apart for flathead bolts.



Drill ⅜-inch holes 8 inches from ends of 1x2 cleats for cable. Tape cable ends to ease threading.

Use one cable for top, one for bottom. Cable clamps hold turnbuckles to cables, take up slack when panels are up.

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Two good benches built around trees

Seats and shade have a natural affinity. A bench circling a big tree is one of the most inviting features a garden can supply. Even a young tree seems more important when it has its own special seat.

Such a bench need not be a precise circle. Pentagons, squares, even triangles can be used. But some requirements remain fairly constant. Height of bench should be kept close to 17 or 18 inches—comfortable for most people. Remember also to allow for tree growth. Rule of thumb: 10-inch tolerance for trunks less than one foot through, 6-inch for bigger ones.

This ingenious bench gets its solidity from the concrete-filled tile base. Bolt in center of each 8-inch tile secures 4x4 cross braces. Over-all height is 17¾ inches. The top is cut from cedar 2x8s spaced half-inch apart. Each bench section is about 70 inches long. Residence of Paul Taylor, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Photographs: Stanley

Brick and 2-inch redwood were skillfully blended to make this bench. A mortared brick "well" was the first step. Cross braces were added to well to support the redwood planks horizontally. Then a "skirt" of ⅛-inch hardboard was tacked on to hide the braces and complete design. Paul Weston home, Des Moines.

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The youngster who cries and cries

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If a child is markedly afraid of something, don't pooh-pooh his fear. Talk it out with him and give him what assistance you can.

The shy or timid youngster should not be pushed into making up with visitors or trying a new activity. When he shows interest, encourage him to join the group but let him decide how far he wants to go.

The older child who cries a great deal may have too much responsibility for his age; or he may not be feeling well. He may not be as strong or as large as playmates his age and feel handicapped on this account. He may have undertaken so many projects and activities that he is chronically tired.

Too rigid standards may have been set by parents.

Feelings of frustration may underlie crying. The grade schooler may want to do things beyond his ability. He may not be allowed enough free time for projects in which he is absorbed.

Certain frustrations are inevitable and the child should be helped to understand this; also, that when he is a little older, he will be able to accomplish the things that seem difficult for him now.

It isn't good to ignore crying, but neither should a parent leap up at every whimper so that the youngster feels tears will get him what he wants. Prolonged crying can become a pattern and no one likes a spoiled child—not even the child himself.

An occasional "good cry" seems to be a safety valve. It helps the child get rid of feelings of injustice, helplessness, anger toward those around him. A hug and kiss to "make up" dissolves the tension and gives Junior a sense of starting anew, at peace with everyone.

Punishment usually is not the answer, though sometimes, when a child is at odds with himself as well as with everyone else—cranky, fussing, making scenes over trivial matters—a spanking does seem to clear the air.

But it's better not to let irritating behavior build up until the adult reaches the end of patience. If your usually good-natured child turns cry-baby just once in a while, ask yourself whether he may be overtired? Whether he's had too much excitement that day? Or you have been just too busy to give him any attention?

Check also whether he feels well. Spells of unusual crying may be one of the first signs of an illness.

Could it be that he's jealous of the baby? Or of an older brother or sister? If so, being punished would only deepen his resentment.

If the crying occurs frequently and is prolonged, age may have something to do with the emotional outbursts. Between 5 and 6, tears seem to be near the surface.

This is a transitional age. The 5- to 6-year-old is leaving babyhood behind and is meeting the increased demands of school, home, his playmates, and of his own rapid development.

At every age, it's important to give a child attention and love when he is happy and everything is going well, so that he will not have to resort to crying and scenes to get attention. When incidents do occur, sympathize calmly, do what you can to make things better, then interest him in a toy or project to divert his attention from the hurt or disappointment.

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location of camp sites where the family can pitch a tent out in the open and cook an old-fashioned meal over a fire. Hundreds of such sites are available and the touring staffs know where they are. One company even heard from a man who, planning on canoeing his sons down the Delaware River, wanted to be routed to the head of the river and told of lodging places where nights could be spent. The touring experts phoned their firm's salesman in the Delaware River Valley. The information went out the same day.

Sensitive taste buds will drive some people long distances for their favorite dishes, if they can just find out which way to point their cars. Travel staffs have pointed gourmets toward Chincoteague oysters, Amadama bread, Schnitz and Knepp, Jambalaya, and other savory meals.

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If there is any possibility that a suspicious request is serious, it is honored, as was one from a woman asking for directions to the capital and principal city of every state in the Union. Three years after her bulky package had gone out she wrote to explain that she had retired and spent the intervening years touring the country, a lifelong ambition. She had used every piece of information sent, she said, including the viaduct clearances, which had kept the top of her trailer from being sliced off.

It seems almost impossible for the travel staffs to disappoint a client. One staff mistakenly routed a man to Sardis, Mississippi, instead of Sardis, Alabama. But the man wrote, "You should have turned me off on 31 in Kentucky, but don't fret about it. It was a great trip. I always wanted to get down into Mississippi."

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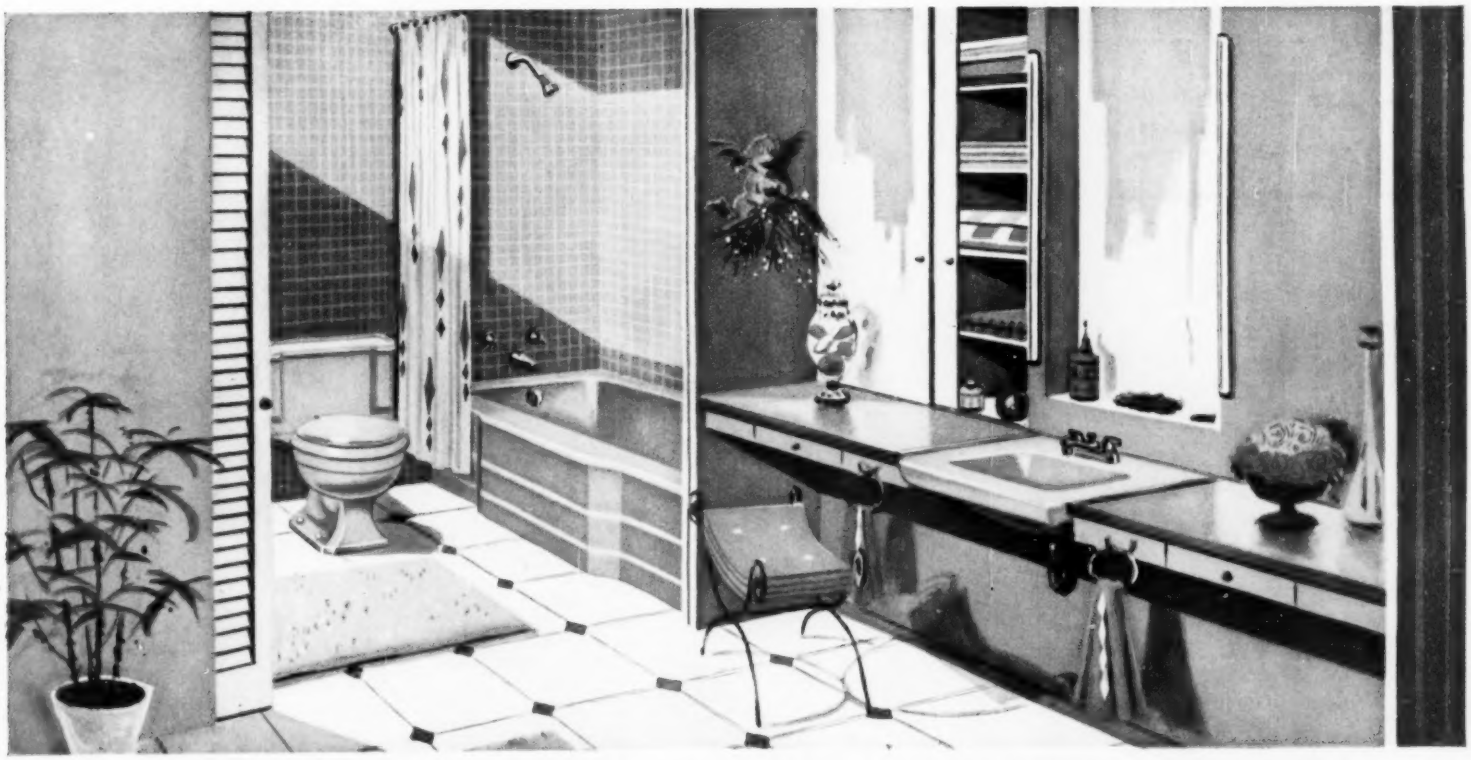

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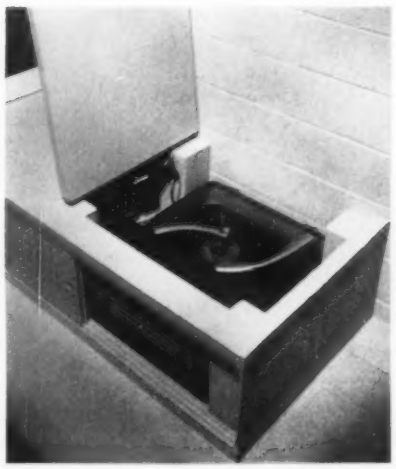
Storage—where and how to gain it—should be at the top of any list

BEFORE. Small alcoves show up in most older houses. Generally, they're treated something like this—and forgotten (except for cleaning). This one's in hall where it's out of use.

AFTER. Built-in desk is scaled to odd dimensions of alcove—including sides which come in at a diagonal rather than in straight lines.

Top and supporting members for the drawers were precut, assembled on spot; size of drawers were tailored to available space and needs.



Hinged top on open end flips up to expose record-player. Other areas under seat store magazines, records, extra cushions.

Posts supporting four sections of unit are $3\frac{1}{2}$x$3\frac{1}{2}$-inch redwood. Unit's $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. Top panel is $\frac{3}{4}$-inch plywood. Piano-hinged lid covers area 16x20 inches.

Below, here's a simple bench that takes on a wide range of assignments. (Materials cost approximately $30.) First, it's informal party seat, but front of perforated hardboard slides open to reveal storage box of generous proportions: 85 inches long, 19 inches wide.

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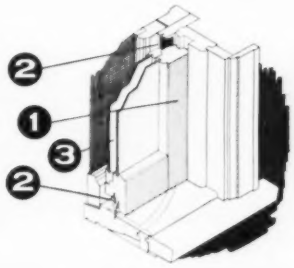

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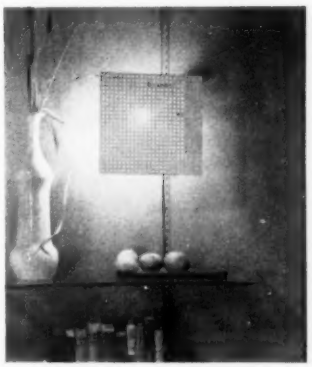

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BEFORE. Storage-shy bath seemed too small to improve. Storage, not fixtures, was needed. Walls were a jumble of colors.

AFTER. Tapered cabinet built around lavatory made use of limited space without crowding.

Wall across back of lavatory and stool was given over to storage. Double-door units flank two mirrored cabinets.

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BEFORE. Stair rail was no less, no more than stair rail in any house. While it was no problem, it was no solution either.

AFTER. They transformed stair rail to *storage* rail! Old railing was removed entirely. In its stead came 12-inch-wide cabinets.

Louvered door cabinets run full length of stair opening. Shelf for books, toys tops these.

Cabinets are inexpensive, unfinished pine units; shelf is 1x12 plank on brass brackets.

BEFORE. Basement window bay does little more than form strange projection in concrete-block wall.

AFTER. Windows are removed, open to new brick areaway. Steel columns, along with brick wall, support glass blocks. Blocks are set in concrete slab at top of areaway.

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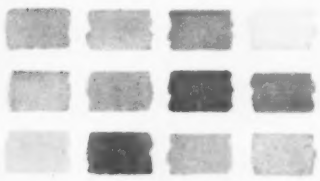

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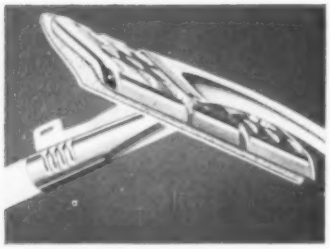

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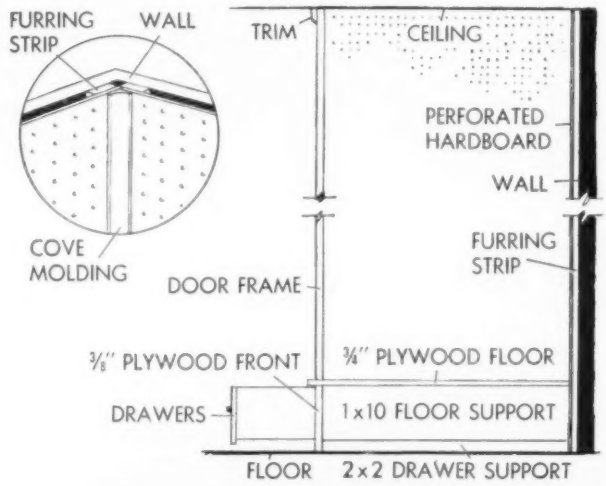
Raised floor covers heating duct in boys' closet. It is supported on 1x10s, which also form sides of drawers; plywood facing between drawers and on sides. Flush panel doors, on piano hinges, open without swinging too far into the room.



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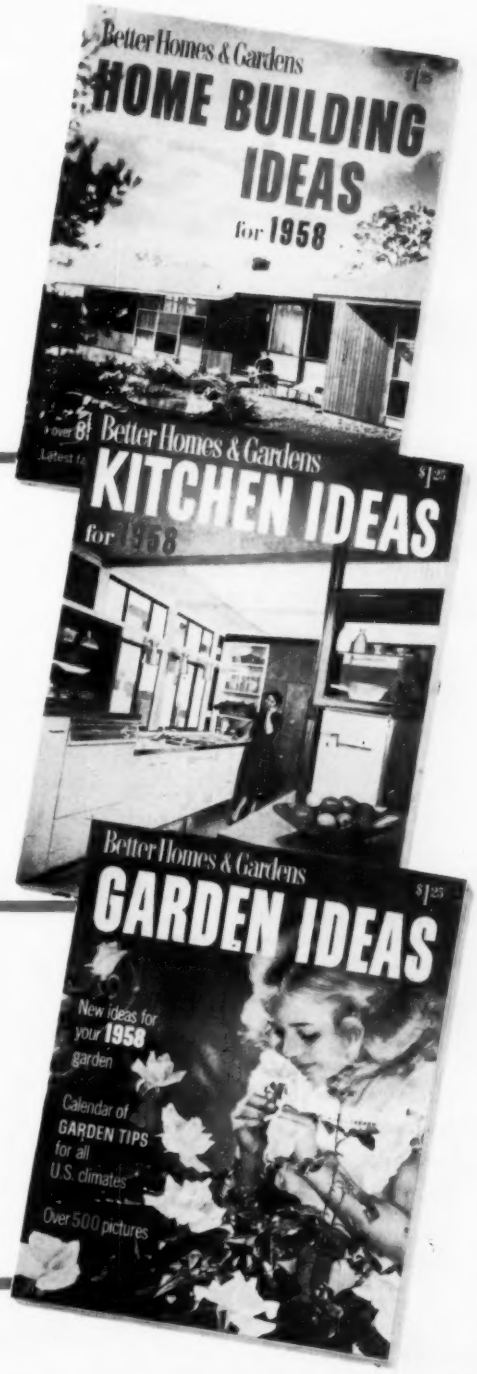

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By John Thurber Coates

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To protect plants from damage in severe winter areas, cut them loose from support, tie canes in a neat bundle, lay it on ground with light cover of soil. In the spring, cut out dead canes.

Here's how to plant a rosebush

When you first get roses, their roots will probably be stiff, wrapped tightly in a vertical position. To make planting easier, soak roots overnight in water.

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Loosen soil in bottom of the hole, then mound it up into a cone-shaped base for the plant to rest on. Firm cone with hands.

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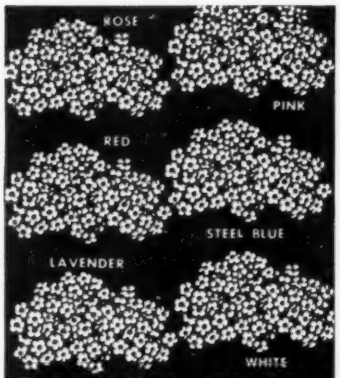

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By Margaret Baie

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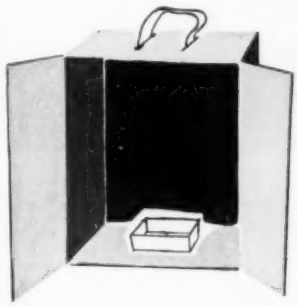
Tie a 2½-inch-wide muslin strip through the top slits to form a handle for the box. Use a long, loose-end muslin strip of the same width through the back-panel slits for tying the arrangement in place.



For potted plants or arrangements in low bowls, fix a small, shallow box — one that loosely fits the pot or base of your container — in the bottom of the tote-box. It may be fastened with staples, cord, or glue. Be sure it is firm.

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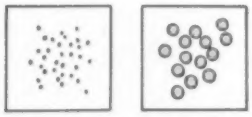

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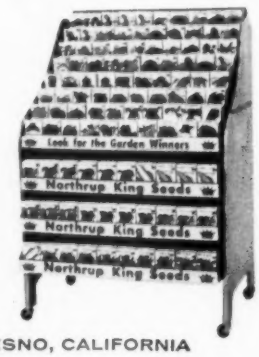

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How to start a new lawn from seed

WITH MODERATE ATTENTION to the details, you can convert mud into turf in about 10 weeks. You won't have to be an experienced gardener to do it.

But you will need some sort of power equipment to prepare the seedbed. If you have a rotary tiller or garden tractor, you can do the tilling yourself.

Otherwise, check the general service ads in the classified section of the local paper. In most areas, you can get the tilling done by men who specialize in this type of yardwork.

If lawn is large, divide it into two parts and sow them at two-week intervals. This will make it easier for you to keep the seedlings moist if rains are below normal. Don't sow more area than you can keep moist—seed survival depends on moisture.

When do you sow? Late August and September are best; spring is also good.

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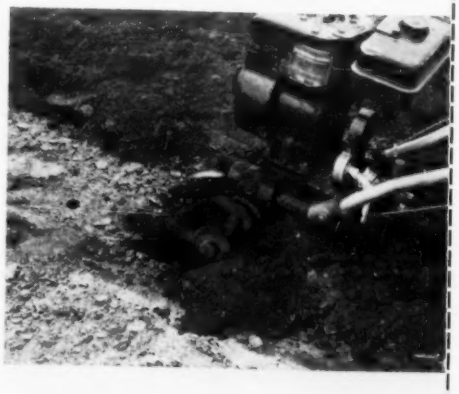
Before you prepare the seedbed, spread fertilizer over the entire area. Use a regular balanced lawn food, at the rate recommended on the package.

For most brands, this will be around 25 pounds for each 1,000 square feet.



How you prepare the seedbed depends on the type of equipment you have. The object is to loosen the soil, mix in fertilizer at the same time.

After tilling, rake the area, level low spots, and break up clods.

Sow the grass seed as uniformly as possible. A mechanical spreader gives good distribution, helps save on seed.

Many seedsmen rent these for a small fee. You'll need about three pounds of seed for each 1,000 square feet lawn.

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Grass from seed . . . and how to grow it

When you buy vegetable seeds, you look at the packages on the rack and you read the labels: corn, beans, cucumbers, lettuce, and squash. You reach for the vegetable you want—not the one that's cheaper by the pound. The label tells you what seed is in the package. The brand name gives you a clue to its quality.

Buy lawn seed the same way, or you may take home five pounds of hayseed. Certain grasses, included in lawn mixtures, are more suitable for grazing than for home lawns. If you want lawn seed, read the seed analysis on the package. The analysis is required by law—so you will know exactly what's in the package.

Some packages contain seeds of one type of grass only—pure bluegrass or Bermudagrass, for example. These unblended grasses can also be bought in bulk at many seed stores and garden centers.

Most seed packages, however, contain mixtures of various grasses. If the mixtures are carefully blended, they will give you a variety of permanent grasses that will grow under many conditions—sun or shade, heavy soil or sandy soil. Too often, seed mixtures contain only 10 to 20 percent lawn grass and the rest is coarse hayseed. If you want to plant a lawn, instead of a pasture, look for a mixture that contains at least 75 percent perennial lawn grasses.

Look for these names on labels

IN NORTH: Bluegrasses—basic lawn grasses in cooler parts of the country. Bentgrasses—noted for fine texture and ability to survive under close mowing. Fescues—tough, wiry grasses that survive under almost any condition. The red fescues are the most desirable fescues for home lawns.

IN SOUTH: Many of the finer lawn grasses grown in the South are not started from seed, but from sod or sprigs, so satisfactory mixtures are scarce. If you do use seed, hulled Bermuda is first choice. Carpetgrass is sometimes available, also good.

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How to improve established lawns with seed

Overseeding is an excellent way of upgrading a mediocre lawn. It works two ways. First, overseeding increases the stand of grass. It's a direct step toward a thicker, more uniform turf.

Second, overseeding allows you to introduce better strains of grass into the lawn—grasses that are better adapted to your soil, maintenance program, and climate.

Choose seed mixtures for overseeding carefully. No nurse grasses should be included—they'll just provide unnecessary competition and expense.

The two best times for overseeding are early spring and early fall. After seeding, hold up on chemical weed control for a couple of months.

Overseeding must be followed by feeding, regular mowing, and weed control. If maintenance is inadequate, the lawn will return to its original condition.

If the grass is growing when you overseed, mow lawn first. Set mower to cut no higher than 1½ inches—one inch would be better.

Close mowing will allow the tiny seeds to reach the soil more easily; they'll have a better chance to germinate and grow.

After mowing, rake lawn vigorously with a steel rake to prepare a seedbed. Or, use special cultivator like this to roughen soil.

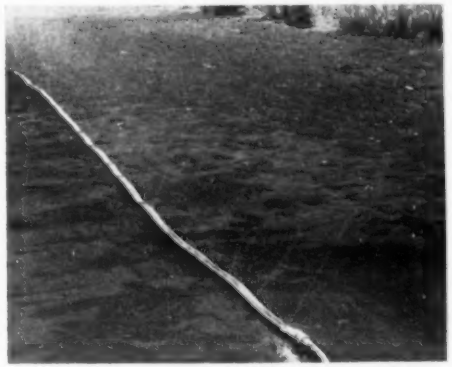
In the very early spring, you can sow the seed on frosty soil without roughening it first. Frost cracks are a good seedbed.

When soil is prepared, sow the seed as uniformly as possible. If by hand, rather than by spreader, sow half criss, half cross.

Use half pound of seed per 1,000 square feet. In summer, keep soil moist for two weeks. In spring, watering is unnecessary.

After sowing, you have a choice. You may roll the area with a light roller, or you may rake it lightly.

Either of these steps will serve to cover up some of the seeds and make the others stick to the soil once the lawn has been watered. When the seeds germinate, they must remain in contact with the soil to survive and grow.



Keep seedbed constantly moist, for at least two weeks. Use a misty spray, just enough to moisten top inch of soil.

When the seeds sprout, water less frequently and more deeply. Increase the interval and amounts gradually.

Mow new grass when it reaches 2 to 2½ inches high. Don't mow it when the grass is wet or soil is soft.

How to repair bare spots with seed

To patch severely worn spots in a lawn, it is best to start all over. Don't try to save existing grass.

First spade up the soil and mix in plant food. If area will get foot traffic, work in compost or peatmoss.

Then rake out all clods and prepare a smooth seedbed. Remove any debris that spading brings to the surface.

A kitchen sieve is useful for sowing small areas. Five to 10 seeds to each square inch will be plenty.

Rake the seed into the soil, then sprinkle it lightly. Just moisten the top half inch or so. Keep the area moist for two weeks. Protect new seedlings with a temporary barrier where there's danger of foot traffic.

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All about ROSES

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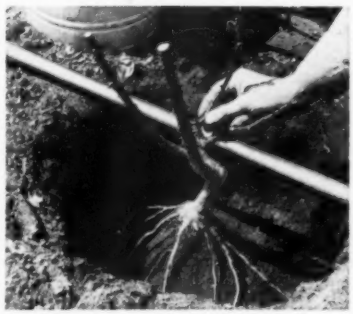
The bud union, a small knob on the stem, tells you how deep you should plant.

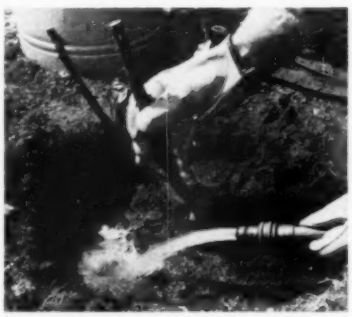
Find it before you place the plant in the hole. It is your key to the correct planting depth of your new bush.



Set plant on top of the soil mound in hole, fan its roots down sloping sides.

To check planting depth, lay tool handle across rim of hole, see that the bud union is just below soil surface.

Add or take away soil from mound until the knob is resting at correct depth.



Cover roots with a layer of loose soil, then fill hole halfway. Now add water.

Hold plant with one hand as you flood hole; joggle it lightly to help fill air pockets around roots.

When the water soaks in, firm soil around roots and complete the filling job.

Check the planting depth again, adjust if necessary.

Prune roses back when the planting job is completed. As a general rule of thumb, cut thickest canes back to about 6 inches; the smaller ones back to 4 inches.

Make the cuts just above strong outside buds to encourage growth away from center of the plant.

Use sharp shears to make cuts smooth and clean.

Protect stub tips from insects and drying winds by brushing on a commercial tree wound paint. Also good are thumbed-on wads of clay or glazing compound.

Provide protection against strong sunlight by shading the plant until new, tender growth makes its appearance.

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All about ROSES *Continued*

Spring care of roses

Over the winter months, a mulch between plants keeps ground from going through periods of alternate thawing and freezing.

In early spring, after all danger of frost is gone, rake the mulch away, give soil a chance to warm up evenly.

Later on in the season, add mulch to help cut down watering, weeding chores.

In severe winter areas, a soil mound around base of canes helps prevent winterkill back to the understock.

Remove soil with a minimum of damage to the canes by simply washing it away.

If canes were tied up for winter-neatness, snip string loose to make your next job, pruning, much easier.

The damage your rose plants suffered over the winter will guide your spring pruning.

Canes killed in the winter are black or discolored. Cut them back to live, green wood. Again, try to make these cuts just above strong, outside buds on each cane.

Daub canes for protection and the plant is ready for the new growing season.

Feed with balanced plant food when new shoots are 6 inches long. Water so that plant receives an average of an inch every week.

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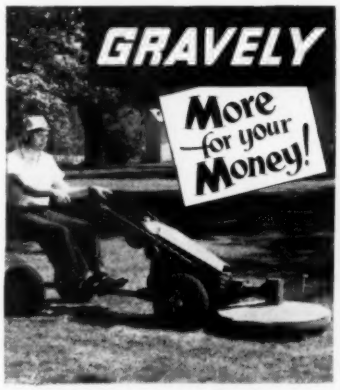

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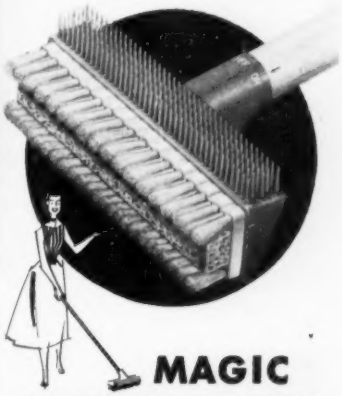

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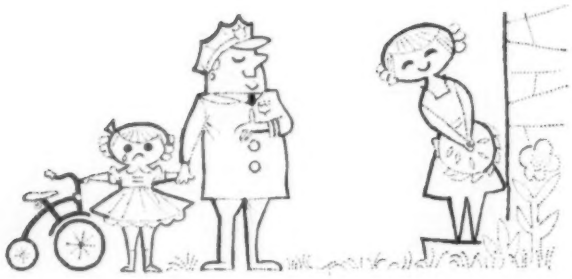

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March 1 "My, what a plant!" said David as he paused on his way to breakfast. He was gazing at the huge red blooms, mebbe nine inches across, on his mother's hybrid amaryllis in the south window. It was lit up by the morning sun shining through the cold outside.

Before the day was over, the first crocus bloom opened up—a yaller bloom just outside the south door, in the grass. It's too early. The rest of the crocuses are just peering up in the sod.

March 3 Bright was the sun and temperature up to 40, so out I ambled and began to put plant food on the lawn. My, how I've grown soft over winter. As I pushed the loaded spreader back and forth, I wheezed and sneezed and huffed and puffed. After I had on about one-fifth, I quit and turned to pruning the viburnum hedge back of the west rose bed.

March 4 Different birds are beginning to show up for feed. This morning there was a red-winged grackle right out on the back walk. Then I saw a towhee. I thought it was a robin until I took a better look at it. Cardinals, jays, and titmice are making joyful spring tunes all around. Daily I put out feed for them.

Put on twice as much plant food on the lawn tonight as yesterday. So three-fifths done by now. Light lingered so long, I got in an hour and a half of work.

March 5 Thermometer up nearly to 60. Lot of crocus blooms can be seen now. So out tonight and finished feeding the lawn.

March 8 Snow all over the ground this morning, which mainly melted by afternoon. Tonight Maggie presented Janet with her annual birthday dinner—angel food cake and everything. When Donald, Janet, Gary, and baby Nancy went home, Master Danny stayed with us, for a visit.

March 12 Warm and windy, when I donned work duds and sallied forth ahead of suppertime to finish pruning that viburnum hedge. Then with trusty short-handled shovel, which inaccurately I call a spade, I began the spring spading campaign.

Since I'm not all toughened up yet, and am an old duffer too, all I managed to get done was my traditional two square yards. I figger that is enough for the first spring evening of spading. My back told me I had figured right.

March 17 I pruned the Baldwin apple tree on the rear lawn and hauled the debris to the burn pile, I got my little electric hotbed ready. Here I dumped in some extra soil, stolen from a rose bed, and more peat.

After this was all worked up, David took over. He repaired the outlet outside the garage. Then he plugged in the wire and the current

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began to heat the soil in the bed.

Along came neighbor Charles, wanting to know about pruning roses. His son, who is the rose pruner of the family, is off to the Air Force and Dad has to do the job.

So to demonstrate, I got out my big pruning shears and started in on my front bed. New growth is just beginning and the time is at hand to do the pruning work.

March 18 Tonight I lost a battle. Weather was warm. Sky was cloudy. Man on radio said rain was falling 75 miles away and headed this way. If only I could get my work done before it arrived.

I stopped at the seed store and gathered up seeds for sowing in the electric hotbed. At a garden store I bought some new roses I want—two each of two varieties. Two other varieties I wanted are sold out, already.

Before ever I was home, that rain reached here and was pattering down.

March 19 It drizzled rain most all last night and my, how the grass is turning green and beginning to grow. That plant food is ticklet-ootsie stuff. It is tickling the grass roots, so they are beginning to wiggle. I'll have to mow soon.

March 20 Somebody said Spring was to arrive today—but it never did get here. Ground was covered with snow this morning. Come worktime, I put on a woolen shirt, two pairs of pants, two coats and sallied out to plant those four rosebushes bought the other day.

March 23 Balmy 62 as I went out to work. Today I took up rose pruning in dead earnest. Before I quit, I was three-fourths done and had to keep stopping to wipe the sweat with my red bandana. Most bushes are killed back almost to the ground but hardly any are dead. They'll recover.

March 24 David surely earned his winter's board and room today—all because he likes to run power tools.

He got out the big tiller. Oiled and greased and gassed it up. Then in no time at all, he worked up two beds for me. One for early vegetables, another for hardy annuals. Meanwhile I finished pruning the roses and began picking up and hauling debris to the burn pile.

March 26 First new roses of the year to come by mail were on hand this morning. Ground was too wet for planting, so I heeled them in. I dug a little trench, with one side slanted. I put the roses in on this slant, then covered them over clear to the tips. Here they will keep in good shape for days.

March 27 Maggie and I were invited tonight to a potluck-supper meeting of our local rose society.

I helped out on the informal program by showing some slides of new roses, which I had taken in test gardens last summer. These included the three 1958 All-America winners: White Knight, Gold Cup,

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and Fusilier. I also showed the three new 1958 yellow hybrid teas, Arlene Francis, Isabel Harkness, and Sunlight.

March 28 Ground too wet to work, so idled my time away, as I was homeward bound, by stopping at the seed and garden stores. At one place I picked up a few more vegetable and flower seeds I need.

March 30 Another box of new roses came by mail. So tonight I began the job of planting.

These are all for replacements in my beds. So I'm doing a better job of planting. I'm digging a bigger hole and throwing the dirt to one side. In the bottom of the hole I'm mixing in a good trowelful of 20 percent superphosphate. Then I'm planting the roots in a mixture of compost and soil.

March 31 This fine day ended too soon. David and I worked hard and fast. He dug holes and hauled new soil. I planted and watered in the bushes. Just as darkness came, we had planted all the roses.

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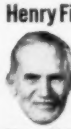

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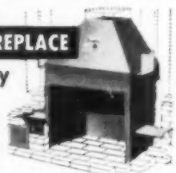

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A greener, thicker, tougher lawn

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Remove debris. Wind-blown trash and leaves make any lawn untidy. They can also form a smothering cover that will damage the grass.

In mid-August, cut grass low; rake entire lawn to remove the thatch accumulated over summer. Always use a lawn broom on grass.

Reseed on barespots. Sow grass in areas where turf is skimpy or totally absent. Turn soil over first, about 6 inches deep. Break up clods.

Rake smooth, sow seeds, tamp the soil firm. Keep the seeded area moist until grass is established. Take care not to wash seeds with a strong jet of water from hose.

Aerate. On home lawns, compacted soil under the sod is usually confined to relatively small or isolated areas.

Concentrate your efforts on heavy traffic spots such as around patios, play area, and cut-across paths. Aeration twice a year should keep lawn free from compaction.

Your maintenance program will be more effective if you remember to:

Mow first before you spray, feed, aerate, or sow seed.

Add one extra feeding each year if trees shade over half of your lawn. The trees and grass compete strongly for food. The same is true of water. Most thin grass under trees needs food and water.

Feed lawns at least twice a year in most parts of the country. Where the average rainfall exceeds 30 inches a year, or where water is applied artificially over the summer, feed at least three times a year.

Wait about three weeks after feeding a tree-studded lawn, then feed again, but under the trees only.

Buy pure seed to cover bare spots. Mixtures containing a nurse crop are not necessary in established lawns. One exception: reseed shady spots with a shady-lawn mixture.

Work to get rid of weeds before overseeding. With weeds removed, grass has a better chance of reaching the soil and germinating.

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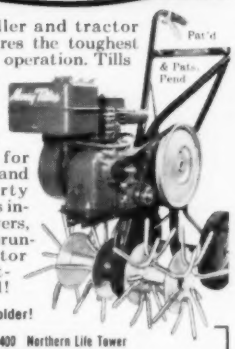

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Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: In the Lower South tender annuals may be sowed now. Wait until the middle of the month before sowing these in the Middle South.

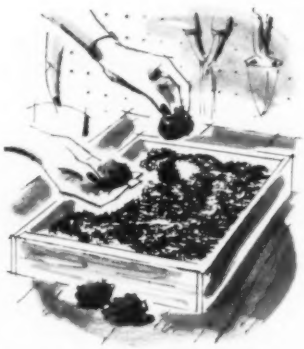
Central and East

Lawns: Rake. Make a fresh start on having a good lawn. Rake off twigs, leaves, and matted clippings. You'll see how important this is when you examine the grass that has been smothered under last year's soggy leaves.

Vegetables: Plan next month to start seeds of tender vegetables in flats indoors. These include tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and broccoli.

Shrubs and trees: If you're adding new shrubs and trees, your order should be in the nursery now. When they're delivered, and if you do the planting, be sure to be generous with water. It's half the battle in getting plants off to a good start.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Rake leaves from perennial borders, before new shoots start to peek through.



Start fancyleaf caladium tubers indoors for transfer later to outdoor shady spots. Barely cover tips with moist peat—keep in warm place.

Repaint and repair trellises before vines start growing. Pull rusted-out nails before painting: replace with new, screw-type, rustless nails.

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Pacific Northwest

Lawns: Where new lawn building is under way, or if smaller areas are being patched or seeded, see that lawn is kept moist to speed growth of new grass. Deep-soak established lawn.

Fruits: Pruned your grapes yet? Now's the time to do it. Cut off old deadwood, cut new growth back to third bud on each cane. Start now to tie canes to strong support.

Shrubs and trees: Take care to avoid damaging tender growth on trees and shrubs when you're working with chemical weed killers on the lawn. Spray only on a windless day, shield plants with cardboard—or anything that will block drift—if you have to work close to them.

California

Lawns: Follow up chemical lawn weeding chores by hand weeding in areas where proximity of desirable plants made spraying risky. . . . Reseed bare spots: water them often enough to keep soil dark with moisture. Where much reseeding is necessary, stop foot traffic across the lawn.

Fruits: In warmer areas, plant citrus trees this month. Wrap trunks of newly planted trees with burlap or a commercial tree wrap. It may save your trees from sunscald.

Vegetables: Plant cool-weather vegetables, including chard, lettuce, spinach, radishes, and onions.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Divide perennials this month. Even if you have no space in which to plant the divisions, dig up and divide older, crowded clumps. Give extra divisions away to gardening friends.

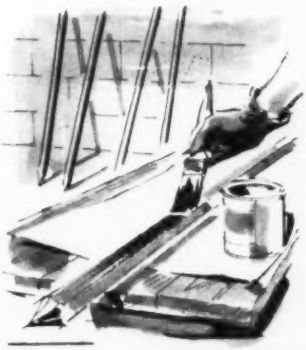
Texas-Southwest

Lawns: In all but the coldest areas, this is a good month to renew lawns. Reseed bare spots; patch with sod where larger areas need mending. Feed all of the lawn.

Shrubs and trees: Take advantage of good planting weather by transplanting overcrowded shrubs. Move them to areas in the garden where they'll be able to develop to maturity—without being moved again.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: As peonies sprout, keep a sharp eye out for blackened tops or shoots. Pull these off the plants immediately, and burn. Feed all flowers.

Check your spraying and dusting equipment to be sure it's in working order. Oil and clean all parts, and where necessary, replace or repair.



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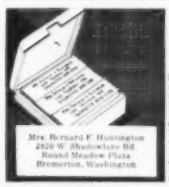

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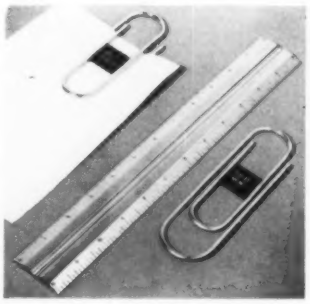

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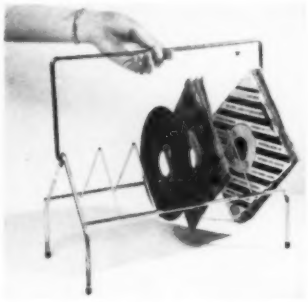

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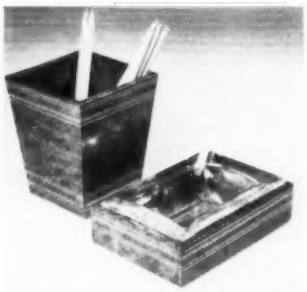

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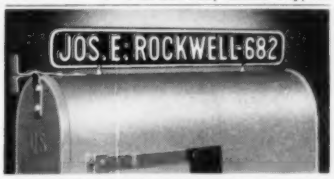

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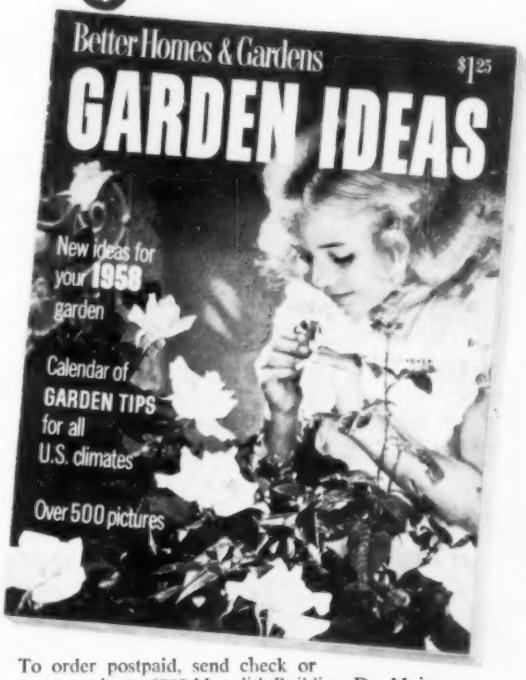

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"How's that for backing out of the garage, dear?"

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Son Burton, Jr., wanted to know what Ides are, and why they threaten only in March. "They are parents who penalize kids that neglect studies for early spring baseball," said his mother. Fair enough.

We're a little puzzled by the child psychology the young mother across the street is using. But she seems to get results. "Come on, honey," we heard her say, "and finish your spinach. And maybe someday you'll be so big and strong that Daddy can't make you eat it."

I'm shaking hands with our pastor every Sunday now, to establish my presence. Last Easter he said, from his pulpit, "And to all of you whom I won't see until the next Easter parade, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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"Reality?" we overheard newlywed Rosie Detwiler say. "That's when you leave dirty dishes in the sink, and they're still there at breakfast."

Of all the things a woman does, her cooking best proclaims her happiness or lack of it.

Any gardener can easily tell the difference between young vegetables and weeds. Pull everything out. If they promptly come up again, they are weeds.

Don't ask me *why* wives continually put dabs of food on the back of refrigerator shelves, then forget about them. Probably for the same reason that I save little cans of used, bent nails that I never use again.

Rosie's teen-age club met at our house the other evening, and excitement ran high for a moment when one of the girls got a phone call from that handsome sophomore who wanted to ask her about a date. But things calmed down again: he wanted the date of the Crimean War for a history test.

"Too many of us are willing to serve the Lord," says Grandma Hillis, "in an advisory capacity only."

Jack Henning and his bride turned down that new apartment. "Going to keep her in the manner to which she's accustomed," he explained. "She's used to living with her folks."

"Ninety percent of all mental illness that comes before me," Dr. William B. McGrath, the distinguished psychiatrist, told our club, "could have have been prevented or cured by ordinary kindness."

Why are we always belaboring (and bemoaning) the idea that romance ends with the marriage. When actually marriage is just like any other triumph. A candidate doesn't go around shouting and waving his arms after he's elected.

"You call about a rug cleaning?"

Christine and I are highly flattered. The teen-agers in our block express all-out approval of not one but two new hi-fi records which we bought. "Your taste is maturing," they tell us.

Can't help loving our neighbor lad who brought home a poor report card last Friday, then asked, "Father, what do you suppose is my main trouble—heredity or environment?"

You'll agree that no other earthly status equals marriage when—you find an aging bachelor friend seeking companionship in nothing but business and books . . . a tall-ish but scaled-down replica of yourself stands eye-to-eye and says, "No matter what, Pop, I'll always look after you and Mom" . . . you make a big sale or get a raise or win a promotion, and find yourself rushing first to the telephone to tell your beloved . . . in a mellow moment, your mother looks from her grandchildren to you and murmurs, "Son, I'm so very proud!". . . the clan gathers on the birthday you'd forgotten and showers you with love, gags, and gifts.

Burton Hillis

P. S. Since our family is always arguing over whether or not it's a woman's world, we were all interested in what our ex-neighbor had to say in his latest letter from Washington.

Dear Burton: You've heard a lot about the manpower problem, but it turns out that the real crisis is womanpower. The Labor Department estimates that another 5,000,000 women will be working in the next eight years.

The thought is overpowering. It has to be assumed that a third of them are going to work as a last resort — all other resorts being closed for the season. They seek employment second and husbands first. Another third will be those who found husbands earlier, but either can't abide them, or can't abide not eating regularly — perhaps both.

The other third will be career women. Once a woman decides to make a career of working, she attacks it with a ferocity unknown to man. A man works because it's the thing to do, he needs poker money, or he gets tired of hanging around the house all day. With a man, the Crusades were a job. With a career woman, every job is a crusade.

The magnitude of the womanpower problem can only be seen in terms of man. Once he ruled the earth. Then somebody invented the wheel and hitched him behind the wagon. Later he was swallowed by a machine. Now womanpower threatens to march over his pulpy form and seize the executive suite. Before you know it, we'll have chairwomen of the board, a woman manager of the Milwaukee Braves, and the Fifth Amendment being taken exclusively by lady Teamsters.

The one solace in all this is that women also will become the chief taxpayers. Not only do they hate arithmetic, but they view the income tax as a personal insult. A woman never cheats on her return. She just gives the government what she thinks it deserves and keeps the rest. And what's fairer than that?

Oh, well, just because women are taking over the country doesn't mean we'll be condemned to taking care of the baby and doing the dishes. She's liberated us in advance—by the baby sitter and dishwashing machine.

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